

Statement of Objectives

- To protect the views and setting of the World heritage Site
- To defend Durham City robustly for erosion of Green Belt surrounding the City and to prevent sprawl which would destroy the identity of a *small* historic city.
- To promote the extraordinary assets of Durham City which in turn will support the overall economic performance of County Durham.
- To promote Durham City as a tourist and cultural destination.
- To support development of brown field sites within the City: County Hospital, Byland Lodge, Bus Depot, Whinney Hill School site, disused petrol stations, Old Shire Hall, empty retail spaces, empty retail sites on Dragon Lane.
- To encourage development of purpose built blocks for student accommodation to release houses for family occupation.
- To improve and support a range of public transport, green transport and urban green space.