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Here in Hurworth, an area of reasonable affluence, developers (currently Bellway and Miller Homes) are only building large family/ executive style homes. These homes are not suitable for those on lower incomes, and in some cases, are far too big; especially for smaller households. It would seem that areas, like Hurworth, are attractive to developers who only want to cash in on the desirability of an area, so that they can make maximum profit and have no interest in building low cost housing which delivers much lower returns.

DBC state that we have an ageing population, yet there are no homes being built for older people (smaller/ one storey).

Younger people in the village find that these executive/ multiple bedroom detached homes are out of financial reach, resulting in them having to leave the village if they want to purchase a house that either fits their financial circumstances/ is of a suitable habitable size.

The houses currently being built on the outskirts of the village are not even connected by a decent footpath network; in fact it very much seems that this has not even been considered in the planning stages, and has been very much an after thought considering recent developments.

Due to the size of the newly built houses, and the fact that Hurworth has a very poor public transport network (the HPC have recently managed to persuade Arriva to re-instate a 2 way half hourly bus service; there is still no evening bus service), we are seeing multiple car households, which is further impacting the already high volumes of traffic use on Roundhill Road (main access route into Hurworth).

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This approach encourages land owners to look to capitalise from the land that they own; much of this is arable land, and all greenbelt land.

For a village, such as Hurworth, should planning permission be given in the future to these sites, the original village is going to be surrounded by new housing development.

This will not only severely detract from the attractiveness of Hurworth (DBC themselves admit, in their initial overview, that the villages around Darlington are attractive), but will also negatively impact on the quality life and of the services currently in the village (doctors availability/ primary and secondary school places/ increased traffic volume from private car usage).

Building on greenfield sites destroys natural habitats for flora and fauna; impact from building often results in such loss of natural habitats that wildlife never fully recovers in original numbers.

Once greenfield sites are built on, they are lost forever; this impact on the existing local community can be extremely damaging as a way and look of life is destroyed by new developments.