

Barnsley Dearne 2040 Vision and Masterplan

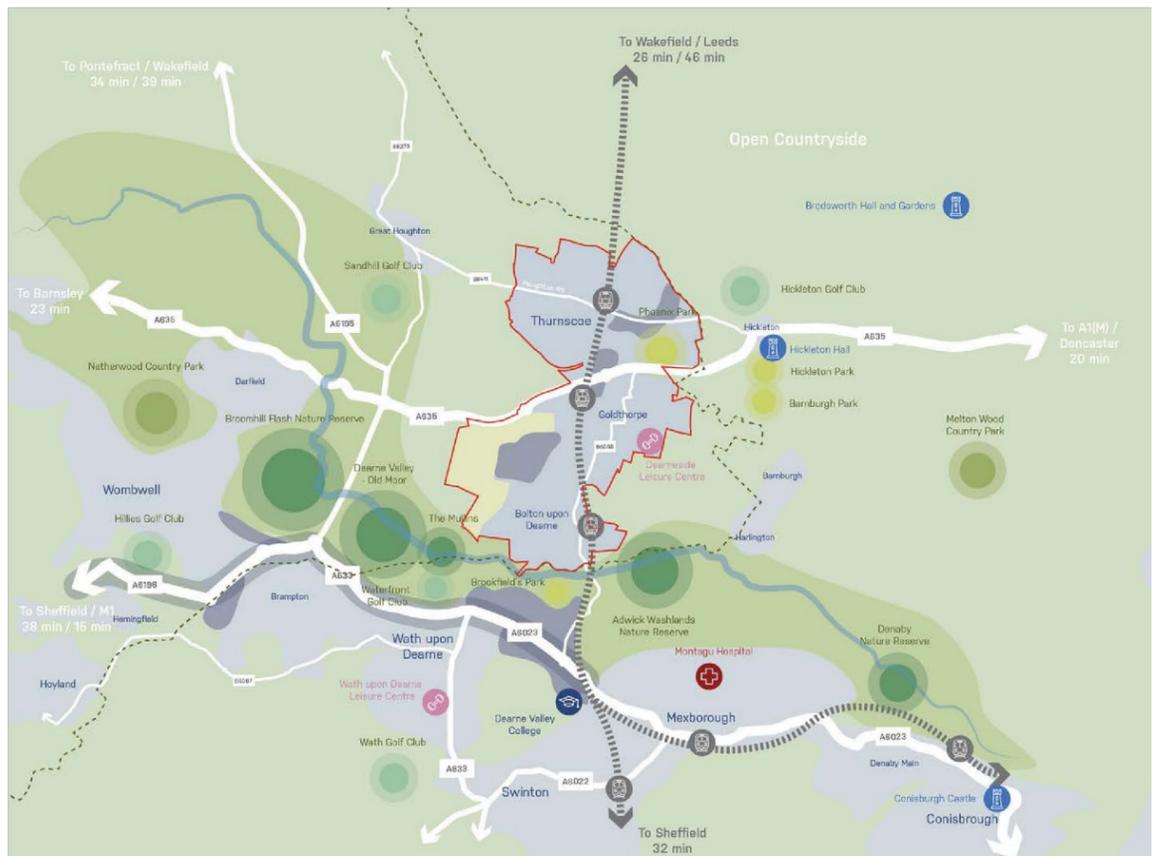
Goldthorpe | Thurnscoe | Bolton up on Dearne

The Barnsley Dearne 2040 Vision and Masterplan will show Barnsley Council's plan for the long-term renewal and regeneration of the Barnsley Dearne.

We want to know what you think, and so we are undertaking public consultation on the draft Vision and Masterplan. The public consultation will run between 25 February and 29 March 2026.

The upcoming Barnsley Dearne 2040 Vision and Masterplan will focus on five key themes:

-  Housing
-  Functioning High Street
-  Culture, Community & Heritage
-  Connectivity
-  Developing Skills



The red line indicates the area covered by the Barnsley Dearne 2040 Vision and Masterplan. It includes Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Bolton upon Dearne

How to take part

Visit www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsley-dearne-2040-consultation or scan the QR code with your smartphone to take the survey and see the full list of drop-in sessions



Paper copies of the survey are available at in-person events. If you need help to understand any of this information or have any questions, contact us.

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Drop-in sessions

Thurnscoe Library, Shepherd Lane, Thurnscoe, S63 0JS:

- Tuesday 10 March 2026, 2pm-4pm

Goldthorpe Library Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE:

- Wednesday 11 March 2026, 10am-12pm
- Thursday 19 March 2026, 4pm-7pm

We will also be dropping into some existing events in the community. See the consultation website for more details.

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Why is a Vision and Masterplan needed?

Goldthorpe and the Dearne have been long-term priority regeneration areas for the Council. Over £23.1m of investment was secured through the Towns Fund Deal to regenerate, renew and revitalise Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Bolton upon Dearne.

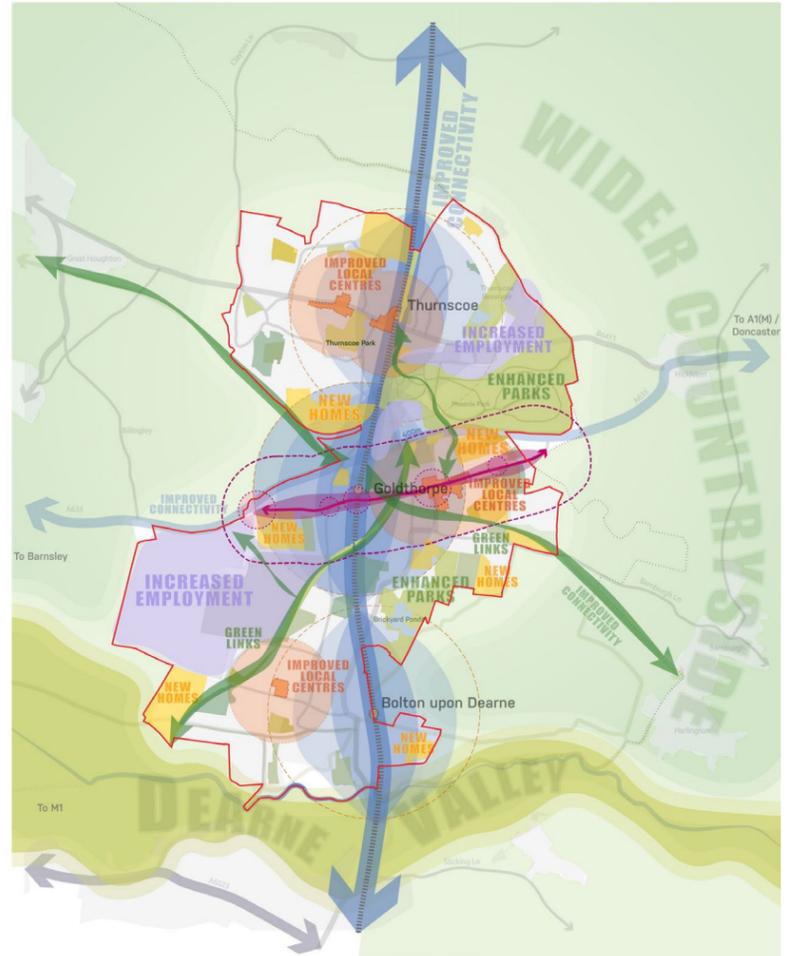


Refurbished Dearne Playhouse



The new Horse and Groom Square

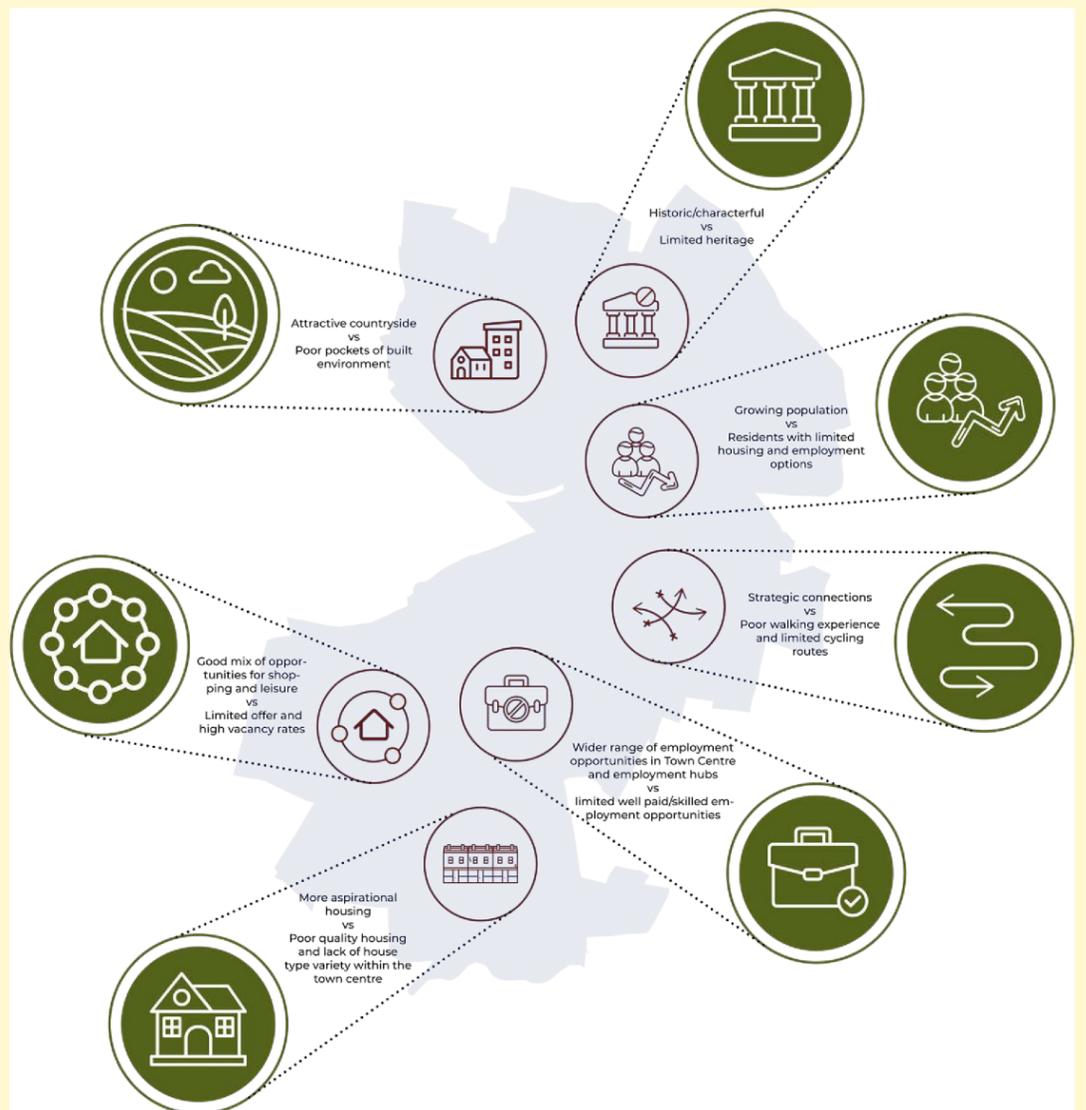
However, there hasn't been one overarching plan for these. The new Vision and Masterplan aims to change this and to help the Dearne become a unique, sustainable and thriving area where people want to live, work and spend time.



There are lots of assets and opportunities in the Dearne, but despite recent investment the Dearne still faces challenges. These include:

- Lots of poor-quality and low-value housing, especially in the centre of Goldthorpe
- Empty buildings which make the high street less appealing
- Few local education options for young people after age 16
- Limited job opportunities
- Poor transport links both within the Dearne and to other places

The Vision looks at current conditions and future market trends. It shows what improvements could look like, and highlights existing strengths.



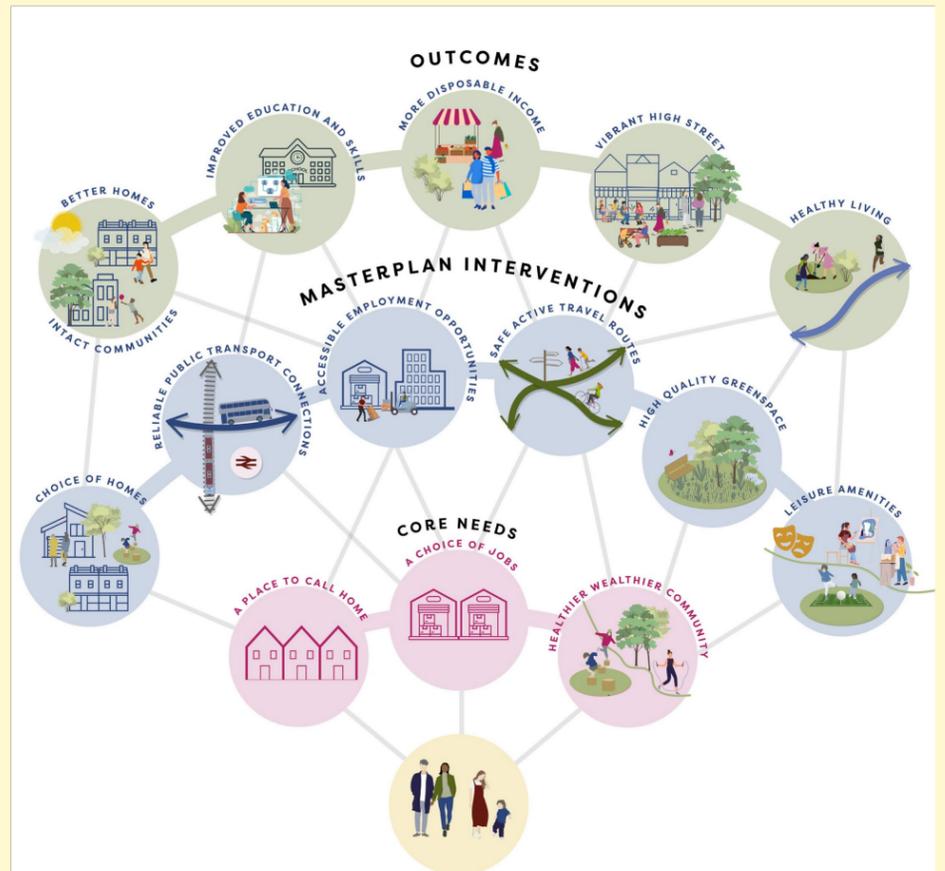
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The Vision

The Vision has people at its heart. It aims to address the three core needs of having a home, a secure job and good health by proposing projects and improvements which will positively impact residents and support local needs.

Working together to build a thriving community with a renewed sense of optimism: enhancing quality of life and supporting people to excel through an improved environment, stronger amenities, greater accessibility and better employment opportunities.



Masterplan Objectives

Six objectives have been developed to help steer the Masterplan. These set out the overall aims, but could be delivered through lots of different projects.



1. Support our existing and new community to thrive



2. Provide a choice of homes to retain existing residents and attract new



3. Boost our local economy



4. Improve our productive and recreational connections



5. Enhance the quality of our places



6. Transforming our image

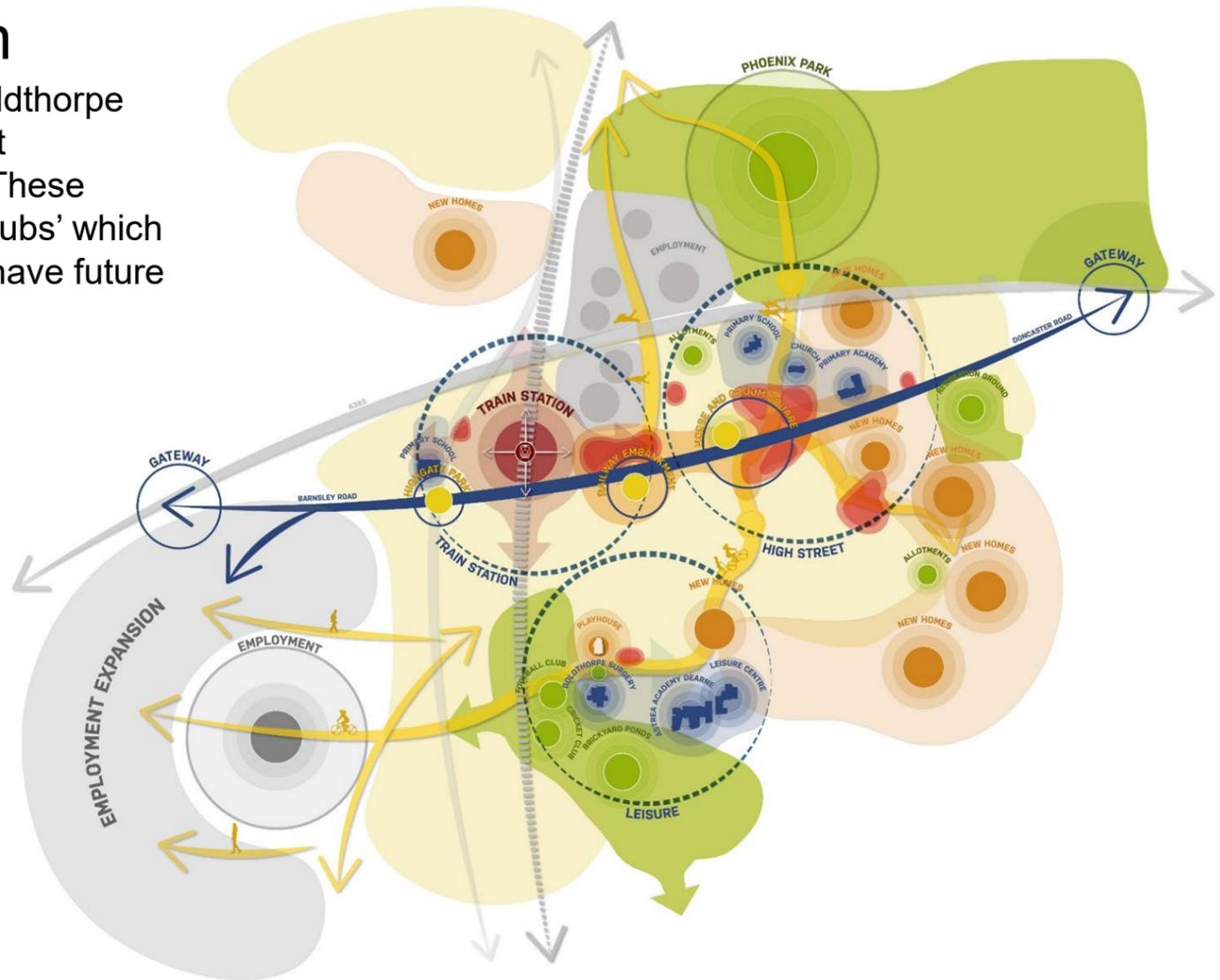
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Spatial Masterplan

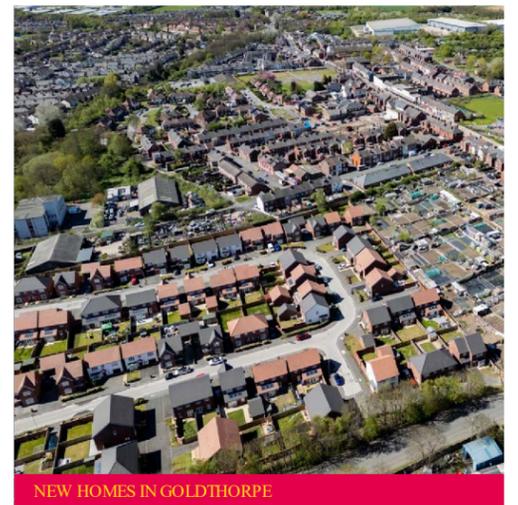
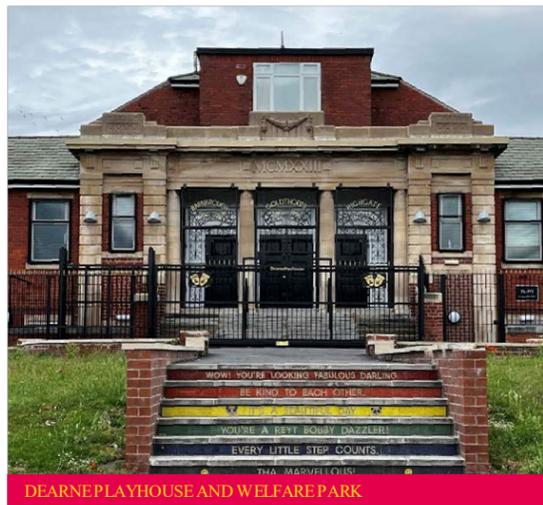
This plan shows locations in Goldthorpe and the Dearne where important community assets are located. These areas could become strategic 'hubs' which are focal points for activity and have future development potential.

-  Existing Asset
-  Recent Investment
-  Greenspace
-  Employment Area
-  Masterplan Sites
-  Asset to be improved
-  Barnsley Road / Doncaster Road
-  Node / Gateway
-  High Street
-  Improved Pedestrian and Cycle Link
-  Existing Key Route
-  Railway Line
-  Existing Residential Areas



Progress so far

The Vision and Masterplan will build on the progress already made in the Dearne, to overcome the challenges identified and make the most of the assets and opportunities in the area. Below are some recent projects which have been delivered in the Dearne by Barnsley Council and other partners.



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What could this mean for the Barnsley Dearne?

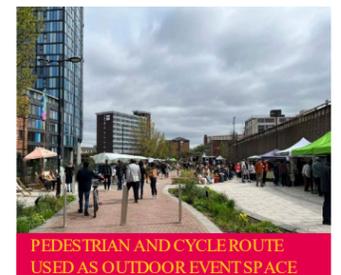
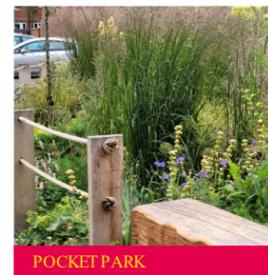
The final Vision and Masterplan will include an action plan of priority projects to help achieve the Objectives shown on the previous board.

This board shows some of the ideas that could make the area better in the future. These ideas depend on funding, so not everything will definitely happen. However, having a clear plan means the Council can take advantage of new funding when it becomes available.

The Vision suggests ideas such as:

-  Providing a choice of homes to help existing residents and attract new ones
-  Creating active travel routes so that people can walk and cycle safely
-  Improving links between important local places
-  Making the high street more welcoming and livelier by making better use of empty buildings and spaces, and adding more trees and plants
-  Giving young people more choices by improving access to education, training and jobs across the borough

Goldthorpe High Street Ideas:



This illustrative high street isn't a final recommendation, but it suggests the types of uses that could be introduced in the future.

These are some of our ideas, but we want to hear yours. What do you want the Dearne to look and feel like by 2040? Share your thoughts, hopes, and priorities by taking part in the activities at this consultation. Your feedback will help shape the future of the Dearne.

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Next Steps:

The public consultation survey results will help shape the final design and content of the Barnsley Dearne 2040 Vision and Masterplan.

The final document will be submitted for approval through the Council's governance process. It is hoped that the final document will be published on the Council's website in Summer 2026.

Once published, the Barnsley Dearne 2040 Vision and Masterplan will provide a framework for improvements in the physical environment and housing, enhanced accessibility, strengthened amenities, and access to educational opportunities and jobs. It will inform future investment opportunities in the area and make sure that they support local needs.



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Thank you for attending this consultation event. Your views are important and will help shape the final Vision and Masterplan for the Barnsley Dearne.



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