

Planning to support your local area.

The North Area



As part of Barnsley Council's new arrangements for working with you at a local level, we have divided the Borough into six geographic areas each represented by an area based council. This leaflet is produced on behalf of the North Area Council of Barnsley. The North Area includes the electoral wards of Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens.

The twelve Councillors elected for the North area work collaboratively throughout the year to find out what is important to people that live and work in the geographic area. This information is shared at the North Area Council which meets six times a year. From 2014 the North Area Council will have a budget to help address local priorities at an area level. This is an exciting opportunity to commission bespoke services and projects for the North Area.

To help us build a local approach, the first step in our planning is to work out what the main priorities are for the north area. To do this we have been working hard behind the scenes to gather as much information as we can about the area, including details you might have told us as well as statistics such as the 2011 Census and other local information we collect within the Council. Some of this information is provided here for you to consider yourself.

This leaflet tells you about the priorities we have identified and explains a bit more about why we think these are the ones we need to be concentrating on.



The Priorities identified for the North area

Youth Provision

Why this is a priority

- The number of Y12, Y13 and Yr14 young people who are classed as NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) in the North area is 5%. All wards are lower than the borough average with the exception of St Helens which is 6.7%.
- Councillors have seen the value of health related advice and guidance in the past and were keen to explore opportunities to expand this provision.
- Local consultation has shown that residents are concerned about the reduction in youth provision and fear and increase in ASB.

Health and Wellbeing

Why this is a priority

- The most common factor contribution to deaths in the North Area is smoking, accounting for 20%. This is followed by high blood pressure at 16%, high cholesterol 11% and obesity at 10%.
- The proportion of female smokers in Barnsley, compared to male smokers is higher. Babies born in St Helens ward are more likely to be subject to mother smoking at time of delivery.
- Slightly fewer (0.9%) than borough average of 12.6% of people day to day activities are limited a lot (England 8.3%)

Anti-Poverty

Why this is a priority

- Child Poverty across the area is lower than borough average (24.9%), but high in St Helens 39%.
- 4.8% of working age people in the North area are unemployed, this percentage is higher in St Helens. 32.1 % of working are people are economically inactive.
- Early concerns have been raised about the impact that the Welfare Reform will have on families in the North area. St Helens will feel the greatest impact where the number of children affected by the benefit cap will be in excess of 24.

Regeneration – developing the local economy

Why this is a priority

- **232 new businesses started up in the North area in 2012, we want to ensure this grows and provides work for local people**
- **We want to encourage local shopping in the area to create vibrant streets at the centre of our communities**
- **Just over one third of people (raising to just less than a half in one of our wards) in the North area have no qualifications restricting the type of work and how much they can contribute to the local economy**



Some useful information about the North area

The North area covers an area of 28 Km² to the centre and north of the borough of Barnsley, bordering onto Wakefield district and provides excellent transport links via the railway station located at Darton which leads to Wakefield to the north and Barnsley Central to the south and via the M1 motorway and the A61.

The North area is home to 42,406 people, or 18.4% of Barnsley's total population living within the communities of Mapplewell, Woolley Colliery Village, Staincross, Darton, Kexbrough, Baurgh, Baugh Green, Redbrook, Gawber, Willthorpe, Pogmoor, Old Town, Honeywell, Smithies, New Lodge and Athersley.

The area includes a mixture of high density residential areas, pockets of high level commercial and business activity through to protected green spaces and areas of outstanding beauty.

There is one large supermarket within the area and a number of multidisciplinary industrial estates, including Dearne Mills at Darton and a section of Carlton Industrial Estate. However the majority of local businesses are independent retailers and service providers.

The North area is also home to Barnsley District General Hospital, and the Honeywell Campus of Barnsley College. The area includes 12 primary and junior schools. Senior education is available at Darton College and Holy Trinity. St Helens Ward is also home to Springwell Community School which provides cross-phase education for children with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties. Local schools have achieved 'good' and 'outstanding' in recent Ofsted inspections..



North Area Statistics

Population							
	England	Barnsley	Area Avg	Darton East	Darton West	Old Town	St. Helen's
Population	53,012,456	231,221	42,406	10,676	10,669	10,811	10,250
Area Km ²	130,278	329	28	7	14	3	4
Population density per Km ²	406	703	1515	1503	768	3603	2,731
BME	14.6%	2.10%	1.9%	2.1%	1.7%	1.6%	2.1%
Population by Age							
Age 0 to 4	6.3%	6.00%	5.9%	5.5%	5.0%	6.4%	6.8%
Age 5 to 24	19.6%	23.30%	24.0%	22.1%	22.0%	24.7%	27.1%
Age 60+	23.8%	23.70%	23.7%	24.7%	27.6%	21.6%	20.8%
Working Age (16-64)	62.5%	64.10%	63.7%	64.3%	62.4%	64.3%	63.6%
Qualifications							
No qualifications	22.5%	32.30%	33.5%	25.5%	27.4%	37.2%	44.0%
Highest level of qualification: Level 1 (GCSE D-G)	13.3%	14.30%	14.4%	14.6%	12.4%	14.8%	15.7%
Highest level of qualification: Level 2 (GCSE A*-C)	15.2%	17.40%	16.1%	16.3%	16.1%	15.7%	16.3%
Highest level of qualification: Apprenticeship	3.6%	4.10%	4.0%	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.1%
Highest level of qualification: Level 3 (GCE AS & A Level)	12.4%	11.30%	11.3%	12.6%	12.9%	10.6%	9.1%
Highest level of qualification: Level 4 and above (HNC)	27.4%	17.40%	16.6%	21.7%	23.0%	14.0%	7.7%
Health & Provision of Unpaid Care							
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	8.3%	12.60%	13.1%	10.8%	10.7%	15.4%	15.5%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	9.3%	11.30%	11.1%	10.9%	11.1%	11.0%	11.4%
Day-to-day activities limited a lot: Age 16 - 64	3.6%	5.90%	6.2%	4.7%	4.2%	7.7%	8.1%
Day-to-day activities limited a little: Age 16 - 64	4.6%	6.00%	5.9%	5.3%	4.8%	6.5%	6.9%
Provides 1 -19 hours unpaid care a week	6.5%	6.70%	6.5%	7.4%	7.7%	6.1%	4.8%
Provides 20- 49 hours unpaid care a week	1.4%	1.80%	1.8%	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%	2.0%
Provides 50+ hours unpaid care a week	2.4%	3.30%	3.4%	2.6%	3.0%	3.8%	4.3%

Housing (Households in Ward)			18,884	4,761	4,721	4,969	4,433
Owned	63.3%	64.30%	65.5%	75.9%	76.0%	63.8%	46.4%
Social Rented	17.7%	20.90%	22.8%	12.6%	13.5%	20.9%	44.2%
Private Rented	16.8%	12.80%	9.6%	9.9%	8.6%	13.6%	6.4%
Occupancy rating of -1 or less (bedrooms)	4.8%	2.50%	2.4%	1.3%	1.7%	2.5%	4.1%
Occupancy rating of -1 or less (rooms)	8.7%	4.30%	3.7%	2.5%	2.9%	3.8%	5.4%
Does not have central heating	2.7%	0.90%	0.8%	1.2%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%
Child Poverty							
Children in Poverty	17.0%	22.00%	20.8%	13.0%	11.0%	23.0%	36.0%
Transport							
No cars or vans in household	25.8%	26.90%	25.2%	18.7%	19.0%	25.9%	37.3%
Total of all cars or vans in households	25,696,833	112,010	21,874	5,965	5,919	6,222	3,768
Economic Activity							
In employment	62.1%	59.10%	58.6%	63.5%	62.5%	57.1%	51.2%
Long-term sick or disabled	4.0%	7.00%	7.2%	4.8%	4.1%	9.5%	10.4%
Unemployed: Age 16 - 24	1.2%	1.70%	1.8%	1.2%	1.0%	1.9%	2.9%
Long-term unemployed	1.7%	2.10%	2.1%	1.4%	1.4%	2.1%	3.6%
No adults in employment in household	33.3%	38.40%	38.6%	33.8%	36.8%	38.3%	45.3%
No adults in employment in with dep. children	4.2%	5.30%	5.5%	3.5%	2.7%	6.1%	9.5%
Lone parent in part-time employment with dep. children	33.4%	33.70%	32.8%	34.1%	35.1%	32.8%	29.3%
Lone parent in full-time employment with dep. children	26.1%	23.50%	26.4%	28.4%	35.9%	23.6%	17.7%
Male lone parent: Not in employment	3.2%	4.50%	5.2%	4.7%	5.2%	5.6%	5.2%
Female lone parent: Not in employment	37.4%	38.30%	35.6%	32.8%	23.9%	38.0%	47.8%
Business							
Number of Businesses	n/a	6409	1356	284	511	269	292
New business start-ups in 2012	n/a	1255	232	65	57	71	39

What we need to do next

To help us with the next stage in planning for the area, we now need to know more about what you as a resident think. You can do this in a number of ways:

Have your say

Over the next few months you may be asked to give your views via surveys we conduct, via the internet or in person in your local area, so please look out for these opportunities to have your say and influence planning for your local area.

Get in touch

You can also contact us at any time on 01226 775516 to talk to us about what is happening in your area, or why not come along to listen to what happens in your area council meeting. Details of all the meetings are published on our web site at www.barnsley.gov.uk or ring us on 01226 775516 to find out more.

Get involved

Decisions made at Area Council level rely heavily not just on what people *say* about their area but what they can *do* to make a difference. Achieving the priorities is about everyone who lives, works or cares about an area having the opportunity to be part of the solutions. You can be part of this yourself as an individual volunteer or as part of a group through your local **neighbourhood network** or your **ward alliance**. To find out about this phone us on 01226 775516, e-mail us northteam@barnsley.gov.uk or visit our website at www.barnsley.gov.uk

Bringing it all together

Once we have all the information we need to make sure the priorities are the right ones for the North area we will move onto the next stages in planning using the following questions to help us:

How can we meet the priorities for the your area?

Who might be best to do this?

How much will it cost?

How do we know what we have done has made a difference?

We will then draw all this together to form a plan for the North area, which will be published and updated each time the North Area Council meets. This will give you, as a resident, the chance to see how things are working out in the your area. Look out for more details of when the plan will be published over the next xxx months.



If you have any questions about the North Area Council, the priorities shown in this leaflet or the next stages in planning for the area please contact us:

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