Appendix 2: Feedback from the Community Information events

Event	Attendance	Additional survey forms	Comments received
Long Newton 10/11/09	8	2	 High proportion of residents of retirement age and the desire expressed is for privately owned bungalows to enable them to move out of larger family homes. We have seen a growth in younger people renting property privately. There is no land for building and what there is would be infill. Recent development has been for large executive housing. Services in this village are restricted with the bus service limited and no post office. The post office was closed and revived in the Wilson Centre and was well used with a government grant to support it. The service was closed as a result of the recent post office closure programme. In the school 50% of the pupils are from outside the catchment area. I am against the proposal for having 'affordable housing' in Long Newton.
Kirklevington 11/11/09	29 Note: more attended the event without signing in	6	 Made very welcome and given a most helpful presentation. There is no local requirement by local young people to reside in Kirklevington. Most young people work and live outside Teeside. Also the village is large enough for the local facilities and vehicular access. No place for farm/rural workers on questionnaire. No comments re: need for protecting land so that farmers can continue to farm and protect the strategic wildlife corridor mainly destroyed by developers e.g Leven Valley. Poor transport for teenagers and those without own transport. Long distance to hospital and no buses on a Sunday. Public transport system is unlikely to improve. A recent development on the edge of the village is only 50% occupied and has been so since it was developed. Transport is a key issue for this village as we are car dependent. Even to walk or cycle to Yarm is dangerous and impossible with no public transport available. Forest lane (main route into village) is narrow and cannot take volume of traffic that use it now. At peak times it is dangerous to walk on the pavements. Junction out onto the A67 is difficult. Private development at top of the road is an empty buy-to-let estate. Houses there are a lower value around £160,000 which is not a bad price for the area. Site is not connected to the village and they are isolated as residents have to drive down one way system to get to Pump Lane, School, Church and Village Hall.

			 Further development should be matched by addition of facilities e.g improved bus service to local shops etc. I would question whether development would be desired by local residents. Large development at Ingelby Barwick which is close by has a range of houses and prices. Need for privately owned apartments for the elderly. Would Housing Associations purchase empty existing housing stock in the new development on the A67. Main road is dangerous for cyclists and walkers.
Stillington	7	2	 No affordable housing in Thorpe Thewles and there are a lot of houses for sale. Lots of people in Thorpe Thewles haven't received the survey form. Public transport is limited and can't even access Stillington at convenient times for the Doctors. There are no post offices within walking distances.
Wolviston	4	0	Need for affordable housing as all recent development been aimed at executive homes.