

# VISITOR OR RESIDENT, IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

## WHY IS 2006 SPECIAL?

This year, several important plans and initiatives concerning Berwick and its surrounding borough are being formed at about the same time, so the public has a rare chance to put forward views on what should happen on the complete range of development and conservation issues.

The Government wants communities to be more involved in the decisions that affect them. As these events and initiatives happen, information and feedback forms will be available alongside the map in the middle of the room.

The map also shows where big private development is being planned in Berwick – the public can comment on these plans too.

## WHY ARE VISITORS SPECIAL?

If you're a visitor to the town, you might think none of this is relevant to you. But visitors are important to Berwick, and your perspective is especially valuable because you can compare your experience here with the place where you live and other places you've been, near here or elsewhere.

Please take the time to let us know what you think, and the Civic Society will feed your comments through in the relevant consultations.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING?

WHAT	WHO?	WHEN	HOW MUCH WILL THE PUBLIC BE INVOLVED?
<b>The Masterplan – Phase 1</b> (see board on left)	Glasgow consultants Gillespies, managed by a steering group from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ONE North East</li> <li>• The Government Office for the North East</li> <li>• The Northumberland Strategic Partnership</li> <li>• Northumberland County Council</li> <li>• Berwick Borough Council</li> <li>• Berwick Community Development Trust</li> <li>• English Heritage</li> </ul>	Early summer	Initial consultation was carried out in January, and the vision produced will feed into the Local Development Framework, which is subject to extensive public consultation
<b>The Masterplan – Phase 2</b>	The work will be put out to tender, but the steering group will remain largely as above	Later this year	Consultants will be appointed to produce detailed plans based on phase 1. Public involvement to be announced
<b>The Local Development Framework</b> (see board on left)	Berwick Borough Council	Throughout the year, with a six-week consultation period on the 'Core Strategy' scheduled from mid-summer	The various stages of public involvement are detailed in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (see on top of table to left)
<b>Conservation Area Character Appraisals</b> (see board on right)	The North of England Civic Trust, commissioned by Berwick Borough Council and English Heritage	April – August	Community workshops for Spittal, Berwick and Tweedmouth, drop-in sessions and a three-week consultation period
<b>English Heritage research and production of a book on Berwick</b> (see board on right)	English Heritage	Throughout the year	English Heritage are keen for help from the public, e.g. in recording buildings or researching old photographs. Leave your details at the desk if you would like to be involved
<b>Public Enquiry into retail applications</b>	The Government Office for the North East, the Planning Inspectorate	October 24 <sup>th</sup> , for two to three weeks	The Enquiry is open to the public, and there will be a chance for interested parties to bring forward their views
<b>Ruling on Berwick Borough's housing allocation</b>	Central Government	Later this year	No public involvement