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Introduction

Brandon is a rural ex-mining community, which lies three miles south-west of Durham.

believe housing owns 925 homes out of the 3,000 properties in Brandon and are in the early phases of considering a Brandon Masterplan focussing on the Study Area indicated within the map below.

The Masterplan focuses on a housing estate of roughly 520 houses in central Brandon, of which believe housing own 294 properties. The site is bounded by Brandon Lane, Lowfield Road, Sawmills Lane and Carr Avenue.

The first phase of the Brandon Masterplan is explored by consultants URBED within this report, and focusses on establishing a baseline of relevant information, particularly community views on what is good about Brandon and what improvements could be made.

This Masterplan aims to deliver an innovative and contemporary development that will:

- Address issues of out-dated homes that are no longer attractive or fit for purpose
- Utilise modern methods of construction where possible and developing technology to deliver carbon neutral homes for 2050
- Provide wider benefits to the community of Brandon, through access to energy efficiency improvements for existing homes, training and employment opportunities and a long-lasting legacy of regeneration
- Significantly enhance the appearance and attractiveness of the area, through high quality design, better land use, enhanced open spaces and connectivity. This aim will need to be explored in partnership with other key stakeholders, such as Durham County Council, in order to achieve the greatest impact
- Attract new residents, diversifying and growing the local community

