

# Upper Langley matters

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## Introduction

This is the first in a series of newsletters produced by ARK Consultancy, Waverley Housing and Scottish Borders Council to provide you with information on the work we are doing to develop a vision for improving Upper Langley.

ARK, and local architects Camerons, have teamed up to help develop the vision and make sure that is done in close consultation with local residents.

Our work will be taking place over the coming few months and we will need to look carefully at the improvements local

people would like to see, what options there might be to achieve those improvements, the costs of the changes and how they can be funded.

We are planning to have contact with you in a number of different and hopefully helpful ways over the course of our work.

John Paterson  
Project Manager  
Ark Consultancy

## Meet the team

John Paterson,  
Project Manager  
Ark Consultancy



John is a Director of ARK Consultancy and will be managing the study. He has over 40 years' experience in developing and regenerating communities.

Gavin Yuill, Director  
Camerons Architects



Gavin Yuill works for Camerons Architects and will be working alongside John to develop new and existing homes that the local community will value and enjoy.

## More about ARK

ARK is a national housing consultancy business. We work with housing associations and local authorities across the UK supporting them to deliver homes and neighbourhoods that people want to live in.

ARK has been commissioned by Waverley Housing and Scottish Borders Council to undertake a masterplan study

which addresses the current challenges in the area and delivers not just high-quality housing but a vibrant community where people want to live and work.



## What to expect?

Over the next six months John and the team will be working with Waverley Housing, Scottish Borders Council, Langlee Residents Association and the local community to gain a deeper understanding of your needs and to anticipate the needs of the community for the future.

As well as regular newsletters, we will be launching a Facebook page "Upper Langlee Matters" on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 where you will be able to access information, latest news, local events and ask any questions you may have.

## Timeline

January  
2018

### Resident Survey

We will be undertaking a resident survey to find out what the community thinks of your local area and how it could be improved. This will be distributed via post, and links will also be available on the Upper Langlee matters facebook page.

February  
2018

### Workshop

John Paterson and the team will organise a workshop in February for the local community to gain an understanding of progress up to that stage, the results of the residents survey, and some initial thoughts on what changes might be possible.

March  
2018

### "Your Voice Matters" Events

Following feedback from the workshop the team will organise two "Your Voice Matters" events. Further details and dates will be promoted via newsletters, facebook, online and post.

## Did you know?

Langlee was developed in the 1960s and early 1970s as part of a "building for the future programme" in the Borders region.

The aim was to move away from the traditional border market towns which provided limited opportunities for young people to a focus on new opportunities for trade and industry and to encourage young people to stay in the area.

Langlee was part of a vision for Central Borders development, a government backed scheme to expand Borders population by a third and create a linked "city in a rural setting" encompassing employment, services and homes. A lot of additional employment was expected from businesses to be located in Easter Langlee.

### Get in touch:

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