

Neighbourhood Plan

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is our opportunity to have an effect on the planning process given by Act of Parliament in 2012. A finalized Plan has a 15 year life.

It is an important legal document, which sits alongside the Bassetlaw District Council Core Strategy and must be recognized by BDC in planning decisions, also by Nottinghamshire CC and the Planning Inspectorate. It cannot go against existing District Planning Policies.

They are our homes, our workplaces, our businesses our Neighbourhood. They do not belong to those who do not live and work here!

Let us have planning done for us and not to us.

What is our Neighbourhood?

The Neighbourhood is the area covered by the Parish Council

(Map useful here)

ie Blue Stocking Lane, to Leverton Road, along Leverton Road to the railway bridge, from there to Hop Pole, Hope Pole to Smeath Lane near Gypsy corner (across fields), from here along Smeath Lane & up Clarbrough Hill to Blue Stocking Lane. (This is a rough guide eg the Hop Pole is just outside the Parish Boundary, only the south side of Smeath Lane is in the Parish)

What is the process?

There is a legal process which must be followed:

Application for designation as a Neighbourhood – ***almost completed***

Consultation with residents, gathering evidence - underway

Preparing the Plan

Approval by Independent Inspector

Referendum of residents

Adoption if approved by residents

The watchword is consultation, consultation, consultation!

Who is in charge?

The Parish Council is the lead agent but a Steering Group is actually doing the work.

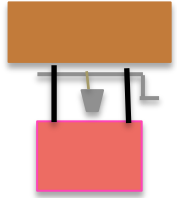
The Steering Group is always looking to welcome new members.

How long will it take?

Plan writing is a protracted process; not a quick fix. It will take about 2 years.

Who is involved?

Everyone must be involved – residents, groups, organisations, businesses –



providing they live or work (or play) in the in the village.

The Steering Group want input into the Plan – it belongs to the villagers not the Steering Group

Can we stop building we do not want?

Not directly – no! It must be positive not negative ie It is what we want to see happen NOT what we do not want to see happen. But by wording the document correctly we can, effectively, stop things happening which we do not wish to see happen. Eg if the Plan says we want 6 houses we will not then get 50.

What sort of things will be included?

Nothing **will** be included but we have a number of areas already identified as items to start looking at and which **may** appear in the final Plan. These are

Environmental issues: energy resources, green spaces, wildlife conservation

Employment

Flooding

Facilities: shop, recreational

Housing

Transport & parking

Any input into these or identification of further areas would be very welcome.

Who is paying for all this work?

Finance is provided by central government sources not the Parish Council. Members of the ClaWe NP Steering Group do not get paid.

How can I get involved?

Join the Steering Group

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