

Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Pre-Submission update

November 2017



We are delighted to announce that Sheepy Parish Council has approved the draft Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. This allows us to start the next phase, **Pre-Submission Consultation**.

Our community led Neighbourhood Plan is framed around what you, as parishioners, have told us over the past 18 months, wanted to protect and enhance, whilst taking into consideration the needs and aspirations of our community.

NEXT STEPS

Consultation and submission - The six-week pre-submission consultation period will run until **5pm Friday 5th January 2018**. All responses received will be considered in finalising the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will then be submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) for publication and a further period of public consultation. Finally, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted for independent examination. The Independent Examiner will recommend that either 1) the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted to a local parish referendum or 2) it is modified before being submitted to a referendum; or 3) it is rejected.

Referendum and adoption - Once approved by the Independent Examiner, you will be invited to vote in a referendum arranged by HBBC. Parishioners will be asked to answer the following question; *"Do you want HBBC to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sheepy Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"*

If you vote to accept the Plan (a **YES** vote) by a simple majority, HBBC will adopt it and it will have legal standing. It will then form part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area. HBBC will continue to be responsible for determining most planning applications, but in Sheepy Parish, the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan will form the basis for those decisions.

OUR VISION

Our vision statement has been created to capture the aspirations for the Parish, and to help guide the Steering Group's preparation of the Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

OUR POLICY HEADLINES

The following gives you a flavour of the Neighbourhood Plan Policies together with their rationale.

Sheepy Parish in 2036

The unique character and heritage of Sheepy Parish's settlements is conserved

New developments will take full account of flood risk

Development reflects local needs

Important views and valued landscapes are protected

A prosperous local economy

The character and beauty of the countryside and its natural environment are safeguarded

Important green spaces are protected

An accessible countryside

Local services and facilities are retained



The rural setting is highly valued by local people. Over 95% of consultation questionnaire respondents supported its retention.

Policy S1: Countryside

The countryside will be protected for the sake of its intrinsic character, beauty, heritage and wildlife.



Across the Parish, we have many public footpaths linking the villages and hamlets. All were considered important by local people.

Policy S2: Public Rights of Way network

Rights of Way should be protected and wherever possible new links including footpaths and cycle ways should be created.



In our 2016 Questionnaire, we invited local people to identify important views of the local landscape. The Neighbourhood Plan policy aims to ensure that any development protects these views.

Policy S3: Locally Important Views

Important views should be safeguarded and, where possible, enhanced.



We have to help increase green energy use but not by overriding environment protection and local community concerns.

Policy S4: Renewable Energy

Ground-mounted solar photovoltaic farms will only be supported in limited circumstances.



A number of important habitats and ecology features are located within the Parish. 93% of parishioners supported protecting existing wildlife areas and 76% creating additional new ones.

Policy S5: Ecology and Biodiversity

New development will be expected to maintain and enhance existing ecological features and habitats.



The Parish has experienced serious flooding in Sibson, Sheepy Magna and Sheepy Parva. More than 90% of respondents found all the measures identified for reducing flood risk as important.

Policy S6: Water Management

New development should take full account of flood risk especially from rivers, groundwater and overland flow.



Many buildings and sites across the Parish make a positive contribution, providing local character and a sense of place through their heritage value. Consultation feedback showed that people wanted to protect the Parish heritage.

Policy S7: Features of Local Heritage Interest

Planning applications which would affect features of local heritage interest will balance the need for, or public benefit of, the proposed development against the significance of the asset.



The design across the Parish is varied. Our plan aims to ensure that we maintain and enhance the individual character of our Parish and create places that work well for both occupants and users, and are built to last.

Policy S8: Design

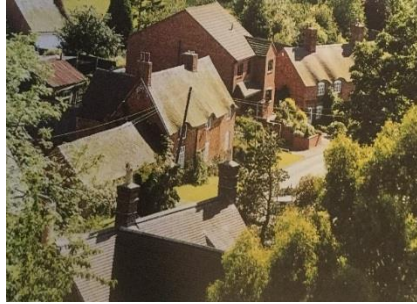
Only development that reflects the buildings in the Parish that have a distinctive and traditional character will be supported.



Protection of local green spaces was identified as important to parishioners. Within the Neighbourhood Plan we have taken the opportunity to designate local green spaces.

Policy S9: Local Green Spaces

Local Green Spaces and their significance and value to the local community will be protected.



78% of consultation respondents supported only minimal development, 76% agreed that further development should be restricted to brownfield sites, conversions and infill sites.

Policy S10: Infill Housing

Infill Housing development within the Sheepy Magna and Sibson Settlement Boundaries will be supported. Elsewhere, permission for housing development will be limited.



2011 census data showed Sheepy Parish has a smaller proportion of young householders but more households over the age of 65. Our policy states that in building planning, there should be a mix of housing to meet the needs of all people living locally, now and in the future.

Policy S11: Housing Mix

The mix of housing types will be informed by the most up to date evidence of housing need.



The Plan makes provision for affordable housing on 'Rural Exception Sites', where there is a proven local need.

Policy S12: Affordable Housing

On windfall housing developments of 11 dwellings or more, the minimum affordable housing provision is 40%. Affordable housing may also be permitted on Rural Exception Sites within or adjoining Sheepy Magna or Sibson where the development is demonstrated to meet an identified local need for affordable housing.



This former memorial home site has become victim to arson, vandalism and anti-social behaviour and is a local eyesore. The site has been identified as suitable for redevelopment for housing, provided it helps meet the housing need.

Policy S13: Hornsey Rise Memorial Home

Some 0.5 hectares of land at Hornsey Rise Memorial Home, Bosworth Road, Wellsborough is allocated for the development of around 20 mixed size dwellings.



The provision of these in Sheepy Parish is limited. Our 2016 questionnaire showed that parishioners would like to see better sports facilities, a shop/Post Office and improved public transport. 50% of our young persons wanted better facilities for play, leisure and sport.

Policy S14: Community Services and Facilities

Development that would result in the loss of the community facilities will not normally be supported.



On-street parking was identified as an issue and our policy states that new housing developments should include adequate car parking to minimise the need for on-street car parking.

Policy S15: Car Parking and New Development

At least 2 off-street car parking spaces shall be provided for each new dwelling. At least 3 such spaces should be provided for 4+ bedroom dwellings.



Many parts of the Parish do not have broadband or super-fast broadband. Our 2016 Questionnaire indicated that parishioners would like to see faster internet connections.

Policy S16: Communications Infrastructure

New residential or employment development should incorporate Broadband Internet connectivity.



Our policy supports economic growth to create jobs and prosperity, reduce commuting and to provide opportunities for the development of local enterprise

Policy S17: Rural Economy

The sustainable growth of business and enterprise through the conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings will be supported. All Tourism development, especially that associated with Richard III and the Battle of Bosworth Field is encouraged.

For further information, go to our website <http://sheepparishneighbourhoodplan.com/pre-submission-document/>

or attend one of the planned 'DROP IN' sessions between 5pm and 7pm

at either Sibson Village Hall (24th November, 2017) or All Saint's Church, Sheepy Magna (1st December, 2017).

A copy of the plan can also be viewed at Sheepy Memorial Hall, Sibson Village Hall, All Saints Church, Sheepy Magna or St Botolph Church, Sibson

To provide feedback on the Neighbourhood Plan, please use the Representation Form available on the above website or contact Sheepy Parish Council Clerk, Mavis Bassett on 01827 880485.

(If unavailable, contact Jessica Gurley-Ward on 07880 785745)