



HOUGH ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL IS PREPARING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR YOUR AREA

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS GIVEN A
CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS

THE PLAN WILL BECOME PLANNING POLICY
AGAINST WHICH ALL PLANNING APPLICATIONS WILL
BE ASSESSED

SO THIS IS IMPORTANT STUFF!!

WHAT WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

WHO DECIDES ON ITS POLICIES?
YOU DECIDE

THIS IS YOUR PLAN

- Residents, landowners and businesses can get involved
- Proposals must reflect what local people want
- There must be full consultation
- All residents vote on the Plan in a Referendum held by South Kesteven District Council
- More than 50% of those voting must be in favour for the Plan to be adopted as local policy

PLEASE LOOK INSIDE

Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan ensures that local people have a stronger influence over the way change and development takes place, and greater certainty that the features they value will be protected and, where possible, enhanced.

Preparing the Plan provides an opportunity for consultation about how people want change to be accommodated. Clear, locally formulated policies, specific to our villages, landscape and heritage, will help the planning process work for the benefit of all.

This leaflet provides an update on how the Plan is beginning to take shape, and asks for your input on some specific issues where we need a clearer understanding of local views.



IDEAS SO FAR:

The primary purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan will be to set out a vision for the evolution and longterm sustainability of the Parish's historic and built environment, protecting its rural landscape character and guiding appropriate and sensitive future development.

LANDSCAPE

We commissioned a Landscape Character Assessment (available on the website) which describes the distinct attributes of our rural landscape and the importance of protecting the unspoilt and open nature of the area which is highly valued by both residents and visitors. The spectacular views available from and to the Caythorpe/Gelston ridge are highlighted for protection, as are our trees, woodland, hedgerows and historic features such as ridge and furrow fields. There also seems to be support for improved access for walkers and horseriders.

HERITAGE

Whilst Hough on the Hill's picturesque appearance is protected through its Conservation Area status, all three settlements within the Parish contain distinctive architecture and heritage features which should be protected. We could identify a list of other important local buildings and features in the Plan - our own local list. The predominance of limestone, red brick/render and pantile roofs provides strong visual coherence, and all new development should respect this palate of building materials. Building heights are also of critical importance to the look and feel of our settlements.

LOVEDEN HILL You have told us that this ancient hill plays a special role in our landscape character and is very important to many of us who live here. It dominates our views and forms the setting of our villages. It is a much valued heritage asset, and you asked whether it could be further protected or given special treatment. Yes it can!

There is a new land designation available through Neighbourhood Plans. This is called a 'Local Green Space' and is designed for areas which are demonstrably special to a local community and which hold a particular local significance, eg because of their beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife.

WE COULD DESIGNATE LOVEDEN HILL AS A "LOCAL GREEN SPACE"

This would provide special protection against its future development.

- Is this a proposal we should include in our Plan?
- Are there other areas that should be considered for 'Local Green Space' designation?



WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PLEASE

Views about Future Development

The majority of residents who have commented so far clearly do not wish to see any expansion of our villages, or any substantial development.

However, there are 'brownfield' sites (ie sites that have buildings on them currently, like old barns) as well as adaptations to existing homes which bring potential change to our built environment.

- What should the Plan contain to guide such future development?
- Do you think there should be more affordable housing provision, and if so, why?
- Are there sites that might be suitable for new housing?

PLEASE NOTE: Landowners with ideas for development should speak to us as soon as possible please.

Views about Recreation Facilities

Some residents have commented that they would like to see more leisure and recreational facilities. One option for the future would be to use part of the existing Playing Field in Hough on the Hill to accommodate a hard surface/fenced kick-about area or marked courts. Is this the type of facility people would value and use?

Views about Renewable Energy

The promotion of renewable energy is an important objective within the planning system. What could the Plan say to assist homeowners develop renewable energy schemes? Or what other ideas could we promote in our Plan?

CONSULTATION MEETING

Saturday Morning
25th January
11am
at All Saints Church
Hough on the Hill

Do please try and come to the Consultation Meeting (see above) as this will be run as an interactive 2-hour workshop enabling everyone to:

- Understand what is being proposed and why
- Comment on and influence the final content of the Plan
- Have any questions answered
- Raise any issues you think are not being properly addressed

**you can make your
views known**

**FILL IN AND RETURN
THE ENCLOSED
QUESTIONNAIRE**

KEEP UP TO SPEED WITH EMERGING PROPOSALS

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ON OUR WEBSITE

www.loveden.org.uk/np



UPDATES ARE ALSO
POSTED ON THE 'HOUGH
COMMUNITY PROJECT'
FACEBOOK PAGE

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