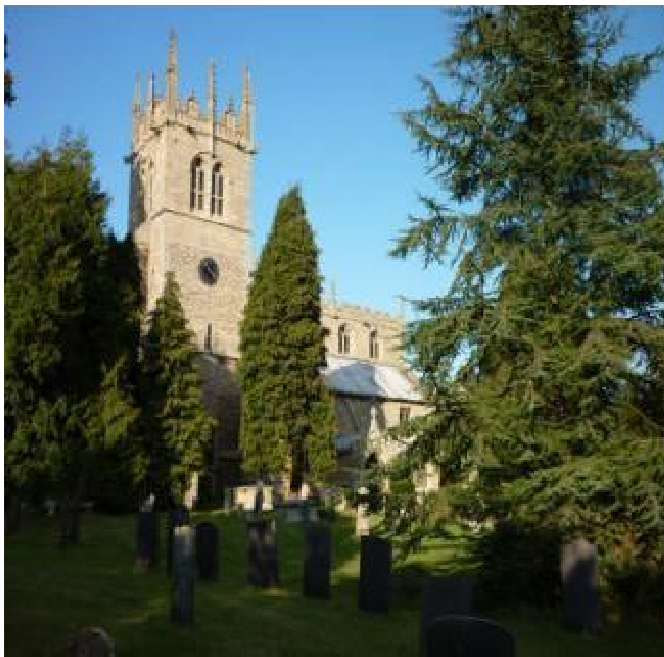




HOUGH ON THE HILL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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1 INTRODUCTION

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- 1 The Localism Act 2011 introduced a new right for Parish Councils to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan to influence future development in their local areas. An adopted Neighbourhood Plan sits within the statutory planning framework for England and has full weight in the determination of planning applications. Therefore Neighbourhood Plans are required to be in general conformity with both the National Planning Policy Framework and the adopted Local Plan policies of the relevant local authority, which for Hough on the Hill Parish is South Kesteven District Council (SKDC).

Why is a Neighbourhood Plan Needed?

- 2 Hough on the Hill Parish Council believes that whilst the rural character of the area and its three settlements of Gelston, Brandon and Hough on the Hill is unlikely to substantially change over the next ten to fifteen years, development and land use challenges are still evident in many planning applications coming through.
- 3 Clear, locally formulated policies about the type, scale and design of any development will help everyone to have greater certainty about what is acceptable and appropriate here. There are also particular features of the Parish's distinctive landscape, historic fabric and rural character setting which require attention to ensure that what we value is protected into the future.
- 4 Preparation of this Neighbourhood Plan helps to ensure that local people have a stronger influence over the way change and development takes place in coming years, and greater certainty that the features they value will be protected and, where possible, enhanced.

How was this Plan Prepared?

- 5 The work of developing the Plan was undertaken by the Neighbourhood Planning Project Team (NPPT) established by the Parish Council. This group comprises
 - 2 Parish Councillors
 - up to 6 local residents
- 6 Further details about the membership of the NPPT, including its Terms of Reference, are provided with the 'Statement of Consultation' separately submitted alongside this Plan.
- 7 A grant of £6,510 was obtained from the Government's scheme of assistance to communities preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. This money was used to obtain professional advice, undertake consultation, prepare publicity and produce the final Plan documents (in some cases expenditure was shared with Stubton Parish who are also preparing a Neighbourhood Plan). However, most of the work involved was undertaken by a small group of volunteers who have contributed a great deal of their own time, thought and effort. Free professional advice was also provided through the Government's scheme of assistance to communities preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, and this has been invaluable in ensuring compliance with the statutory processes involved.