

# Hough on the Hill, Gelston and Brandon

## Neighbourhood Plan Update – PLEASE READ !!

As you may have heard, Hough on the Hill Parish Council (including Brandon & Gelston) is seeking residents' ideas about the area, before deciding whether and how these could be included as official planning policies in a '**Neighbourhood Plan**'.

At the start of the summer we sent a questionnaire to all homes in the area. Already several themes have emerged, including trying to preserve the size and openness of the villages and (unsurprisingly!) tackling the state of the roads and broadband speeds. Not all of the issues raised can be included in the plan (because they can't be addressed by planning policy), but all will be raised with the Parish Council for further consideration. Any further feedback is welcome.

However, the main theme from this initial feedback was people's appreciation for the beauty and tranquility of the landscape. The preservation of this landscape is likely to form an important part of the plan. But although we all instinctively understand what's important about it, it's difficult to describe in planning policy.

So we've employed a specialist company (Allen Pyke Associates) to produce a '**Landscape Character Assessment**' for our area.<sup>1</sup> As well as doing research and surveying the area they need to understand how we (the residents and people that work here) fit into the landscape and what it means to us.

Although they have been commissioned by the Parish Council, the company's professional assessment needs to be independent. To do this they've provided the attached residents' **QUESTIONNAIRE** and will also be running a **WORKSHOP** to discuss what they've found and what you think.

Please spare a few minutes to complete the attached questionnaire. Completed forms can be dropped off at any of the following addresses:

- Jubilee Cottage, Thompsons Lane, off Lower Road, Hough on the Hill
- 6 Gelston
- Brandon Hall, Hall Lane, Brandon

Or bring them along to the **WORKSHOP**, which will be held in **Hough Church at 7pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. We hope lots of residents will come, and it would help if you could indicate on the questionnaire if you plan to attend to help us with arrangements

Extra copies of the questionnaire can be downloaded from our website ([www.loveden.org.uk/np](http://www.loveden.org.uk/np)) which also has more details about the process and a summary of your feedback so far.

Thank you

**Hough on the Hill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Project Team**

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<sup>1</sup> The cost, which is split with Foston Parish, is paid from a Government grant. There's no cost to the Parish Council and no effect on council tax bills.