Houghton-on-the-Hill Neighbourhood Plan
Stakeholder Consultation Meeting
This Evenings Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Background to Neighbourhood Planning
   Sam Howlett – RCC

   Ian Hill – HNPWP Chair

4. Harborough District Council & Neighbourhood Planning as a partnership with communities
   Helen Chadwick – Harborough District Council

5. Issues and Priorities Workshop
   Led by Table Facilitators
Aims for the Evening

Provide some background and context to the Houghton Neighbourhood Plan.

Ensure you as local stakeholders understand the process and your role in helping to shape the Neighbourhood Plan.

Provide you with an opportunity to feed in the issues and priorities you consider it important to include / explore further within the Neighbourhood Planning process.

Make you aware of future opportunities to engage in the plan making process.
Background to Neighbourhood Planning

Sam Howlett
RCC Director of Operations
Background to Neighbourhood Planning

★ Development is essential to ensure our communities remain vibrant and sustainable.

★ The planning system exists to ensure sustainable development, support economic growth, improve people’s quality of life, and protect the natural environment.

- **National Planning Policy Framework**
  - National planning policies set by the Government

- **Local Plan**
  - Local planning policy documents set by local planning authority

- **Planning Applications**
  - Submitted by property owners, land owners and developers
Traditionally communities have found it hard to get their voices heard, and have generally engaged the planning system in a reactive rather than proactive way.
Neighbourhood Planning – New Opportunity

Through the Localism Act, Neighbourhood Planning empowers local communities to proactively plan the future development of their area by determining:

- The most appropriate location(s) for new development.
- What type of development is needed and what it should look like.
- Important areas / buildings that should be preserved.
- Changes required to help sustain, improve and/or expand facilities, services and infrastructure.
A Neighbourhood Plan...

… holds statutory weight within the Planning System.

… sets policies related to the development & use of land.

… is made by the Parish Council.

… involves, but is not led by the Planning Authority.

… proactively represents the needs & priorities of those that live, work, or do business within the community.

… must be backed up by a robust evidence base

… requires statutory consultation, an independent examination, and a local referendum.
# A Neighbourhood Plan...

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<th>CAN</th>
<th>SHOULD NOT</th>
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<td>Shape &amp; direct future development.</td>
<td>Look to prevent any development from ever taking place in an area.</td>
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<td>Identify the most suitable local sites for development.</td>
<td>Aim to simply block a specific or series of proposed developments.</td>
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<td>Compliment and/or add local detail to existing planning policies.</td>
<td>Conflict with relevant local, national or EU policies.</td>
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<td>Encourage more development than proposed in an area.</td>
<td>Reduce the amount of development already allocated to an area.</td>
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<td>Identify key assets for preservation.</td>
<td>Be prepared without input and support from the local community.</td>
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<td>Set out improvements or additions to facilities, services and infrastructure.</td>
<td>Be prepared without the support of the Parish and Local Planning Authority.</td>
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Neighbourhood Planning provides a mechanism for communities to engage the planning system and influence the future of their area in a proactive way.
## Progress of Houghton Neighbourhood Plan

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<th>Milestone</th>
<th>Process</th>
<th>Date (estimates)</th>
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<td>PC establishes Working Party</td>
<td>March 2015</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>NDP Proposal approved by HDC</td>
<td>July 2015</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Community consultation (Questionnaire &gt;60% return)</td>
<td>Jan-Feb 2016</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td><strong>Stakeholder consultation</strong></td>
<td>March 2016</td>
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<td>Formulation of Policies</td>
<td>April/May 2016</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td><strong>Draft of NDP for public consultation (6 weeks)</strong></td>
<td>June/July 2016</td>
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<td>HDC Assessment (6 weeks)</td>
<td>Aug./Sep 2016</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>External Assessment (~ 6 weeks)</td>
<td>Oct./Nov. 2016</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Community Referendum</td>
<td>Jan./Feb. 2017</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Neighbour Plan “made”</td>
<td>March 2017</td>
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Areas to be addressed
- *much more than house-building*

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<th>Sub-Groups</th>
<th>Example topics</th>
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<td>Employment</td>
<td>Businesses in the village? Home-working? Commuting? .............</td>
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<td>Services and Facilities</td>
<td>Shops, Health, Social services, School, Post-office, Pubs, Community buildings, Recreation areas ..........</td>
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<td>Village Design Statement</td>
<td>What we value of the present village; what we want to promote..........</td>
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<td>Traffic and Transport</td>
<td>Walking, cycling, cars, buses – within and to/from the village ..........</td>
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<td>Environment</td>
<td>Green spaces, landscape, heritage, biodiversity......</td>
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<td>Digital Technology</td>
<td>Communication, effects on lifestyle in future..........</td>
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<td>Consultation</td>
<td>Stimulating community discussion, gathering consensus</td>
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Any Questions?

• Happy to take any quick questions now

• Further opportunities for discussion throughout the evening

• Next -- More detail of the Neighbourhood Plan Process
Harborough District Council and Neighbourhood Planning as a partnership with communities

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ENVIRONMENT CO-ORDINATOR

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HOUGHTON ON THE HILL MARCH 2016
Context

- Localism Act 2011
- NP regulations 2012
- Community rights
  - Community Right to Build
  - Community Right to Bid
  - Community Right to Challenge
- Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy
- Neighbourhood Development Plans
- Neighbourhood Development Orders
Neighbourhood Plan snapshot

- 83 Parish Councils in District
- 16 Parishes designated in the District
- 3 parishes pending designation
- 2 plans passed examination and ‘made’ in the District
- 1 plan passed examination stage

- Average turnout 32% nationally
- Average yes vote 87% nationally
Distribution of Neighbourhood Plans in District
Neighbourhood planning

- Gives **communities more power** over development
- General Conformity required.
- Examination and referendum;
- Local authority required to bring NP into force if approved by a majority of over 50%
Key stages of neighbourhood planning

Stage 1: Getting established

Stage 2: Preparing the plan

Stage 3: Bringing the plan into force
The LPA’s responsibilities

- To publish applications for NP areas and forums on your website for 6 weeks
- To agree and formally designate areas and forums
- To provide technical support and assistance to groups
- Following submission of the draft plan, to satisfy itself that the plan complies with statutory requirements
- To organise a 6 week consultation period
- To pay for and arrange for examination by an independent examiner
- To take a formal view on whether the basic conditions are satisfied
- To arrange and pay for the referendum
- To publicise and bring the plan into force.
**Neighbourhood Planning Funding for Communities**

NP group support 2016 to 2018

| Grant payments – up to £8,000 per neighbourhood area, to contribute to costs incurred by the group preparing a neighbourhood plan or order. Also technical assistance available through Locality. |
| Direct support – advice and support, tailored to meet the needs of supported neighbourhoods. Led by Locality and RTPI Planning Aid. |
| Other grant support is available e.g. Lottery Funding Also professional support from consultants and LPA |
The End

- Any questions?
Issues & Priorities Workshop

3 ways to feed in your views:

- Round Table Discussions
- Post It Notes
- E-mail by 31st March
Further Comments

If you have any additional comments or if there are other issues and priorities you would like to put forward for inclusion within the Houghton Neighbourhood Plan please notify us via e-mail.

ruraladvice@ruralcc.org.uk

DEADLINE – 31st March 2016

If you would like to be kept updated on the Houghton Neighbourhood Plan including receiving direct notification of future consultation activity please leave us your e-mail address at the sign in desk.