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DESFORD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP Tuesday 5th July 2016

Results

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Stakeholder Consultation

1) Introduction

The Neighbourhood Plan process will provide residents, businesses, service providers and local organisations with a unique opportunity to help guide development within the designated area, plan the future delivery of local services and facilities, and ensure that Desford Parish remains a vibrant and sustainable place to live, work, and do business.

To support the successful development of the Neighbourhood Plan, the RCC was commissioned by the Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to organise and independently facilitate a consultation workshop of key local stakeholders which was held on 5th July 2016 at Bosworth Academy, Desford.

2) Engagement & Consultation Methodology

The Stakeholder Consultation Workshop was held with the following aims:

- To provide project stakeholders with some background and context to the Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan.
- To ensure local stakeholders understand the process and their role in helping to shape the Neighbourhood Plan.
- To provide stakeholders with an opportunity to feed in the issues and priorities they consider important to include / explore further within the Neighbourhood Planning process.
- To make stakeholders aware of future opportunities to engage in the plan making process.
- To contribute to the core evidence base and inform the ongoing consultation and engagement process required to produce the Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation and engagement of stakeholders was delivered across 3 core elements:

1.
 - Presentations providing the context and background to the project (copies of all presentation slides are provided at Appendix 1):
 - Overview of Neighbourhood Planning - RCC
The background, the process, and steps to be taken.
 - Background to the Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan – DPNPWG Chair
Overview of the Neighbourhood Plan project and activity to date/planned.
 - Role and Support for Communities Undertaking Neighbourhood Planning – HBBC
Planning Authorities perspective of Neighbourhood Planning and its role in the process.
 - Outline and Aims of Stakeholder Consultation Session - RCC
Introduction to the Issues and Priorities Discussion Session.
2. Table based issues and priorities discussion session.
Facilitated discussions across 4 table based groups providing stakeholders an opportunity to raise and discuss key issues and priorities.
3. Post event feedback.
Opportunity for stakeholders to submit feedback following the workshop, provide further comments, and/ or raise other key issues and priorities for consideration by Desford Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

3) Neighbourhood Plan Stakeholder Contacts

Working with the Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, the RCC developed a comprehensive list of stakeholder contacts for consultation and engagement to be used throughout the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan (including all statutory consultees).

Stakeholders in the Desford Parish plan have been categorised by the RCC as follows:

1. Statutory Consultation Bodies (set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations)
2. Landowner (within the Neighbourhood Area)
3. Developer / Professional Representative of Landowner
4. Business (operating within or serving Desford Parish)
5. Community / Faith / Voluntary Organisation (operating within or serving Desford Parish)
6. Public Service Provider (delivering services to / in Desford Parish).

A full list of stakeholders identified for engagement and consultation is provided at Appendix 2.

4) Consultation Workshop Delegate List

Tables 1 - 4 lists the delegates in attendance at the stakeholder consultation workshop held on 5th July 2016 and identifies which table discussion group they participated in during the workshop session.

Table 1: Stakeholder Consultation Workshop - Delegate List & Groupings:

| Red Group | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Name | Stakeholder Category |
| Mr. Scott Wakefield | Desford Parish NDP Working Group |
| Ms. Linda Mitchell | Desford Parish NDP Working Group |
| Mr. Joe Scarratt | TN & AM Scarratt, Lindridge Hall Farm |
| Mrs. M Spence | Representing Ashfield Farm |
| Mr. Nick Walker | Neovia |
| Mrs. E Ward | Representing Ashfield Farm |
| Mr. Gary Wibberley | Cottage Farm |
| Mr. Terry Gallagher | Chair, Newbold Verdon NDP Group |
| Mr. Martin Turnham | Desford Community Primary School |
| Ms. Alex Stretton | Barns Charity |
| Mr. Gordon Preston | Forest Hill Farm |

Table 2:

| Blue Group | |
|------------------------|--|
| Name | Stakeholder Category |
| Mr. Darren Tilley | Desford Parish NDP Working Group |
| Mrs. Pat Crane | Desford Parish NDP Working Group |
| Ms. Lisa Sly | Desford Rainbows/Baby & Toddler Grp |
| Mr. David Cowper | Desford Village Hall |
| Ms. Michelle Elcoat | Messy Church |
| Ms. Veronica Larter | Desford Ladies Group |
| The Revd. Tom Ringland | St Martin's Church |
| Mr. Dan McSharry | Youth Worker, St Martin's Church |
| Ms. Cressida Williams | Desford Good Neighbours Scheme |
| Ms. Pam Wocha | Coffee & Chat |
| Ms. Sue Taylor | Desford Football Club / Sport in Desford (SID) |
| Mr. Brian Maginn | Desford Bowls Club |

Table 3:

| Green Group | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Name | Stakeholder Category |
| Mr. Bernard Grimshaw | Desford Parish NDP Working Group |
| Ms. Kay Smith | Desford Parish NDP Working Group |
| Mr. Mark Hill | New Farm |
| Mr. Christopher Ireland | Physio in Desford |
| Ms. Helen Prangley | Planning Manager, Davidsons |
| Ms. Juliette Minto | Gables Farm |
| Ms. Rachel Cartwright | Preston's Contractors, Manor Hill Farm |
| Mr. Andrew Killip | Planning Manager (Policy) Hinckley & Bosworth BC |
| Cllr. Miriam Surtees | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council |
| Mr. Adrian Dickinson | Neovia |

Table 4:

| Yellow Group | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Name | Stakeholder Category |
| Mr. Martyn Randle | Desford Parish NDP Working Group |
| Mr. Paul Angelinetta | Desford Parish NDP Working Group |
| Mr. Roger Neep | Forest View Farm |
| Mrs. Ena Kirkman | Glebe Farm |
| Ms. Elizabeth Osbourne | Lockey Farm Dog Boarding Kennels |
| Mr. Geoff Platts | Environment Agency |
| Mr. John Wright | Arriva Midlands |
| Ms. Teresa Wright | Messy Church |
| Cllr. Malcolm Peel | Desford Parish Council |
| Mr. Tim Empson | Bosworth Academy |
| Mr. Dave Claricoates | Bosworth Academy |

5) Issues and Priorities Group Discussions – Results

Facilitated discussion took place within 4 groups. Each group looked at the key issues and opportunities for consideration within the Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan area under a series of 5 topics; (Heritage, History & Housing); (Environment, Flooding, Open Spaces, Recreation & Renewable Energy); (Facilities, Services, Education, Employment & Economy); (Traffic & Transport); and (Vision of Desford Parish in 10 Years' Time).

Tables 5 - 9 detail the key discussion points recorded under each topic area by each of the 4 groups.

Table 5: Issues & Priorities – Heritage, History & Housing:

| Heritage, History & Housing | |
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| Red Group | |
| 1. | We shall always need housing. Landowners are tempted to sell depending on which side of the village. |
| 2. | More housing needs better traffic arrangements e.g. bypass. |
| 3. | Social housing, depending on numbers, bungalows / older person housing – where. |
| 4. | Housing - worth linking it to environment and improvement. Section 106 money has to spent near the development. |
| 5. | What do builders have to do |
| 6. | Needs careful location i.e. appropriate mix of housing on large developments. |
| 7. | Where to put new homes? |
| 8. | Protect centre of village. |
| 9. | Affordable housing |

| Blue Group |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More, lower priced housing / affordable / housing Association 2. School needs more space, some money in the pot for further expansion. 3. Garden builds change the area, so 19 houses replace 2 former houses, so impact of more houses. 4. Need a balance of large and small houses. 5. Keep Church Centre and Village Hall as meeting places. 6. Need a community centre / café that is open all the time for drop-in. 7. Conservation area – can we protect and get other houses listed? 8. Clock on Post Office wall is important. 9. Very few under 60's come to open events. 10. Very few volunteers to help e.g. Desford in Bloom. Need to <u>engage</u> people in the community 11. Parish Council could be umbrella that everything links into, all the groups / facilities. Use website for this. |
| Green Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no mandate for extending housing numbers in the current plan period 2. In the light of the new HBBC timescale, who will give a steer to developers about numbers and timing of future housing? 3. Ageing population: sensible to talk of “flat or level living” rather than just “bungalows” 4. Altering agreed plans is an issue: the recession has impacted on “good intentions” 5. The library is part of the village heritage. 6. By 2036, existing buildings may well be even more important: heritage grows over time |
| Yellow Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing should be sustainable. Young person's being able to afford houses. 2. No housing on flood plain. 3. Adequate off road parking for new houses. 4. Improve upkeep of council garages. 5. Use of derelict properties for 'Brown Field' development. 6. Maintenance of Conservation Area. |

Table 6: Issues & Priorities – Environment, Flooding, Open Spaces, Recreation & Renewable Energy:

| Environment, Flooding, Open Spaces, Recreation & Renewable Energy |
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| Red Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surface water – vital to be considered e.g. brook through Skerrets land – level fluctuates widely since building. Didn't happen years ago. 2. Renewable energy – no longer viable currently for commercial buildings. 3. Do we want to consider other environmental improvements e.g. natural forest extension? Space like Spence Valley Park – is there potential for developing such an area. Could be leverage on builders. 4. More open spaces needed. |

| Blue Group |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three playing fields – Kirby Road needs bigger car park. Need swings for older children. 2. Language bad at football matches – need more parking. 3. Why doesn't SID not clear rubbish after matches? Not pay contractor. 4. Community garden for older people – sensory garden (aspirational) if field can be found. Bank in front of library. 5. Cemetery is beautiful to sit. 6. More allotments 7. Who has the money to pay for watering planters? Need people to follow through initiatives. 8. Solar Farm – community money. 9. Wind turbines – Can we increase the distance from houses that they are allowed? 10. Encourage renewable energy, but in appropriate places. 11. Better footpaths on roads leading out of the village e.g. to A47 to Newbold. |
| Green Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business is part of Desford' s vibrancy 2. Architecture: there is a need for policies for future development: HBBC conservation officer, (Paul Grundy) is producing a list to protect non-statutory buildings 3. Tariff changes have altered the scene for renewable energy projects, HBBC is not allowed to go further than national guidelines e.g. on solar panels and building regs. 4. There are aesthetic problems with solar farms and turbines, which should go on poor farmland only. 5. Balancing ponds for new developments essential. 6. We have good parks etc., need more bridle paths and opening up for recreational use. |
| Yellow Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solar panels on roofs – Not to be visible inside Conservation Area. 2. No objections to wind farms. Supply to village area. 3. Sport in Desford (SID) wish to increase the land area. 4. More recreational equipment on playing fields. 5. Increase in car parking to meet demand. |

Table 7: Issues & Priorities – Facilities, Services, Education, Employment & Economy:

| Facilities, Services, Education, Employment & Economy |
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| Red Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New 60 place development (early stages) at Primary School. Which will give 420 on roll over 7 years. Target capacity, school is bursting at the seams with 320 on roll. School had 30 additional children this year, but has good amount of play space. 2. Bellway 183 houses. 3. Shops – Co-op causes traffic issues. |

4. Need doctors and shops within new developments, present doctors building is too small.
5. Neovia wants new building which is likely to increase employment (car sharing, bus scheme, encourage cycling).
6. Better placed shops
7. Bigger, better placed medical centre

Blue Group

1. Café drop-in open all the time. Present cafe is too small, need a meeting place for all age groups.
2. Central is a key theme – a pity SID is where it is!
3. Want County Council to do more – a centre for informal education.
4. Money management etc., intergenerational work, how would it be funded?
5. Community Centre / Bigger Church centre / Informal education groups, café etc.
6. More joined up village for community groups.
7. Knock down and rebuild?
8. Websites need to be interactive.
9. How do we attract business e.g. to the old post office?
10. If designated certain areas as remaining for commercial purposes they can't be returned to houses, unless they show evidence.

Green Group

1. Several international employers: public transport not good
2. Pedestrian path to CAT NEOVIA?
3. Careful of Desford losing identity if it grows residentially and commercially
4. Land ownership by public authorities?
5. Desford is good for at least 2 small businesses
6. Good local shops, but very limited range and poor parking
7. Designate pubs as community assets?
8. Farming will not change fundamentally, core crops will continue, but farm size, methods and kit will change a lot
9. The library: mixed views: is it really “best value for most people” as a community building? What about, e.g., a Waitrose Local shop? ~This could change if the building becomes a community Hub, but the plan needs to try to anticipate changes in needs/wants during its time-horizon

Yellow Group

1. Control of dogs on farm land. Education of walkers, dog walkers, joggers etc.
2. 'Youth' recreation / club facilities.
3. Increase number of shops to meet local demand.
4. Sunday service (Bus). Needed, but is it cost effective. Increased evenings – possible availability.
5. Skate board park.
6. Siting of doctor's surgery, out of Main Street to reduce traffic issues.

Table 8: Issues & Priorities – Traffic & Transport:

| Traffic & Transport |
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| Red Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rumours of a bypass? CAT land.2. Do we know numbers of traffic and direction? All going to Leicester?3. Traffic only going to get worse as all the villages get bigger.4. HGV's Sat Nav issues / employees cars. Need to keep reporting to Neovia and CAT5. Desford Parish Council, Neovia and CAT working well together.6. School has space for a drop off / turning point, safety / worried parents.7. Need for safer zebra crossing points e.g. Manor Road. Chicanes on Peckleton Lane, effect on moving farm machinery.8. 20 mph school zones need extending near Primary School.9. Section 106 money has to..10. One way system – crossings11. Road safety to and from the Primary School12. 20mph zone / bypass / traffic calming / keep village feel.13. Traffic bypass? Narrow high Street / safe routes to school.14. Take into account traffic from Barlestone, Newbold, Ibstock, travel through Desford to Leicester and motorways. |
| Blue Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Signage needs to be further away. Using wrong Sat Navs.2. Rules for times of shifts.3. How many employees live in Desford?4. It is CAT / Neovia's responsibility.5. One-way system along Main Street / Newbold Road.6. Junction of Peckleton Lane / High Street needs a solution.7. Can't stop delivery times. Need enforcement of double yellow lines.8. New infrastructure often comes as part of development.9. Roads on estates now are not always adopted. Works on small developments e.g. Goulton Crescent.10. Bus service to Hinckley, 2 hours after 6 and nothing on Sunday.11. Bypass for Tubes to CAT12. Need more grit bins.13. No pelican crossings, could do with them in certain places e.g. Manor Road. Lollipop Lady? |

| Green Group |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many issues already referred to 2. Particularly, traffic issue comprises residential and through traffic as well as local businesses, and car ownership trends if continued will exacerbate challenges 3. Need to look at planning policies for domestic parking: need to be large enough to accommodate modern cars 4. Road improvement opportunities have been lost in the past: if development offers improvements for the community as a whole, should not be rejected solely on numbers argument, subject to point about keeping identity etc. 5. Pestos is a problem!! |
| Yellow Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HGV traffic through the village (CAT). 2. Speed limits pushed towards Newbold Verdon due to Bellway estate. 3. Mandatory 20mph within the village. 4. Traffic calming extended within the village. 5. Extend off road parking to help farm vehicle access. 6. Speed limit enforcement – speed watch. |

Table 9: Issues & Priorities – Vision of Desford Parish in 10 Years' Time:

| Vision of Desford Parish in 10 Years' Time |
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| Red Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Still a village surrounded by green space. 2. Bypassed by heavy traffic. 3. Better balance between traffic and community. 4. Maintain the character of a village. |
| Blue Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conservation Area / Non Conservation Area – on line comments. 2. A good website is essential as how people don't do. Need neutral person to control Facebook. 3. Dan's idea of a community centre for CC. 4. Joining together of everything that goes on – better way of getting people together. 5. Most important – Linking ALL Desford initiatives e.g. Desford in Bloom, social activities etc., via one website. (PIN) 6. Communication between groups that already exist, then onto village residents. 7. Centre is Village Hall wheel & pump! We will never get a village green. 8. Difference / socialising and joining in community, easier in a smaller village. |

| Green Group |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life expectancy of School buildings: any chance of new? 2. Facilities for youth to keep pace with trends and growth: plan should consider how to actively engage with young people generally 3. All weather play area, skate park? 4. Better broadband 5. Traffic must be dealt with by then (see earlier, but no concrete ideas!) 6. Generally, looking ahead should be done by guiding and encouraging the interface with developers, (discussions, not conflict) and the issue will generally be that of “trade-offs”: balancing possible improvements against impact on character of community etc. |
| Yellow Group |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future developments to take account of car parking and traffic flows. 2. Make sure that local facilities expand to meet increased demands. 3. See Desford as a stand-alone village. |

6) Post Event Feedback and comments

Following the Stakeholder Consultation Workshop held on 5th July, the RCC received the following feedback and comments:

Table 10: Stakeholder Feedback:


| Desford Medical Centre |
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| <p>As you are aware, we have had a large number of new patients register with us from the Bellways development and this has had a huge impact on all aspects of healthcare provided at the surgery – patient demand, new patient checks, more nursing appointments required for chronic disease reviews, midwifery appointment demand etc. We are currently working as smartly as possible to fully utilise the use of the current space that we have. I am hoping that the garage conversion will take place in the next few months, but even if this goes ahead, this will not be enough to ease the problem, if the patient list size continues to grow at the rate it has previously.</p> <p>We plan to make a new application to revise our Practice Boundary – not to register new patients from Kirby Muxloe, but this has already been rejected once, so may not be upheld going forwards.</p> <p>If further housing developments are planned over the next few years, it is unlikely we would be able to accommodate these additional patients at the present site. We would then have to look at new premises, as there is not much scope to expand at Main Street.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could put forward these issues at the meeting, which need to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Anju Mainithe, Practice Manager.</p> |



Neovia Desford
Neovia site development proposals
5th July 2016

NEOVIA
Living, breathing logistics.

The slide features a large graphic on the left consisting of a green gear-like shape with a white 'A' inside, set against a background of green and orange geometric patterns. The text is positioned to the right of this graphic.



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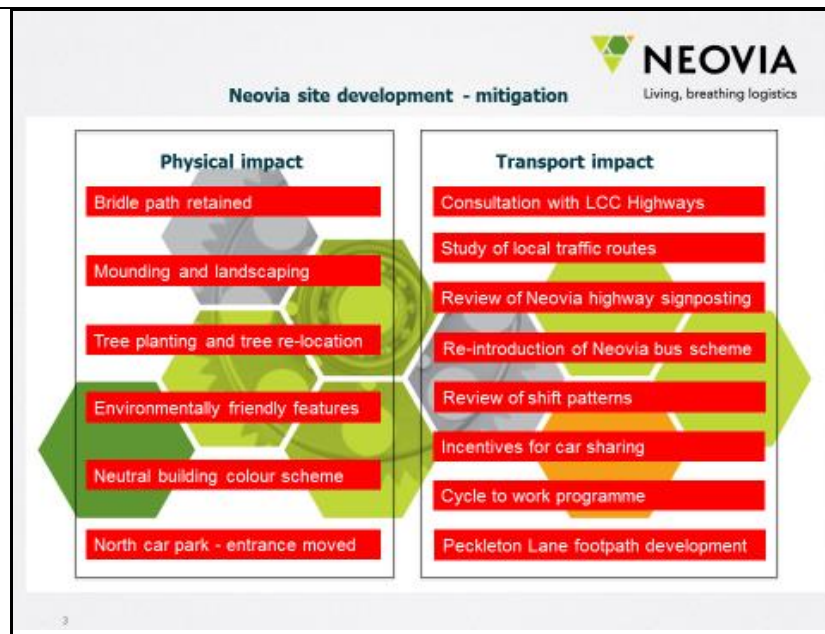
Neovia site now

Neovia site development plan

Neovia employment today 1,000 people
Total Neovia buildings today 1.6m sq ft

Building C3 Planning Application submitted June 2016
Building C2 Planning Application scheduled August 2016

The slide compares the current state of the Neovia site with a proposed development plan. It includes two aerial photographs. The left photo, titled 'Neovia site now', shows the existing buildings and parking areas, with a red outline indicating the site boundary. The right photo, titled 'Neovia site development plan', shows the same site with additional buildings (Building C2 and Building C3) and parking areas planned. Red arrows point from the text boxes to the corresponding buildings in the development plan. The Neovia logo is in the top right corner.



Environment Agency

I am the Planning Specialist for Leicestershire and as such am the most appropriate contact (see below) for future correspondence on the plan.

We are the main Agency providing advice on improving resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change, with particular regard on flood risk, water resources, water quality (Including groundwater) and aquatic biodiversity. We strive to make a positive contribution through our Statutory Consultee role and we hope to work with you as the plan formalises.

Having looked at the environmental constraints (those within our remit), I see that the Plan area is impacted by flooding, a main river, and by aquifer.

Flooding from the Rothley Brook a “main river” of this Agency is confined to only one location where property exists and this is at Newtown Grange Farm Business Centre.

The Rothley Brook flows throughout the whole of the Plan area. The Rothley Brook is a main river of this Agency and that means that we have permissive powers to access land in order to carry out essential or regular maintenance work. In order to do this, we will require a clear access strip adjacent to the banks of the watercourse. Any proposed work within 8 metres of the top of the bank of this watercourse requires a Permit from this Agency.

Parts of the Plan area, Desford, Caterpillar Works Peckleton Lane, Botcheston are underlain by aquifer. An aquifer is a geologic layer of porous and permeable material such as sand and gravel, limestone, or sandstone, through which water flows and is stored. It is essential that aquifers are protected and kept free from pollution. Re-development of contaminated sites if not done correctly can have the potential to re-mobilise contaminants and if a pathway exists to the aquifer, then the aquifer can become polluted.

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Desford Neighbourhood Plan, as we recognise the key role local planning has in delivering Sustainable Development. As an organisation responsible for improving the environment, delivering essential infrastructure and supplying key sources of data, we are keen to support you in developing the plan.

To this end we have set out below policy areas we consider are important to ensure the plan enhances the environment, as well supporting appropriate development and necessary environmental infrastructure.

Water

Water is fundamental requirement and a major consideration for all new development. Water services such as water for supply and waste water management are provided by Water Companies. Each water company produces a long-term plan to make sure services are available to development in a way that does not cause environmental damage. There can however still be local problems with infrastructure or capacity which may impact on a development or the timing of development. We suggest that water infrastructure availability is carefully considered for all proposed development sites and developers liaise closely with the water companies at an early stage in the development. Where there are issues with water infrastructure capacity we suggest a Water Cycle Study is produced.

The UK must meet the requirement of the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) which aims to bring all water-bodies to a “good ecological potential or status” by 2027.

The Rothley Brook is currently at moderate status.

There are four main aims of the WFD, these are to:

- improve and protect inland and coastal waters
- drive wiser, sustainable use of water as a natural resource
- create better habitats for wildlife that lives in and around water
- create a better quality of life for everyone

Local Planning Authorities have a duty to contribute to the achievement of the Directive. How these improvements are to be achieved for your area is set out in the Humber River Basin Management Plan. Many poor quality rivers particularly in urban areas can be improved as a result of well-designed new development. Good Neighbourhood plan policies which support sustainable drainage, ‘daylighting’ of streams and rivers and the sensitive integration of water in a development can improve the water quality and the water environment. Making space for water in a development can also protect people from flooding while increasing the value and desirability of a development.

The [Delivering the Water Framework Directive and Environmental Infrastructure with Local Authorities](#) document produced by the Environment Agency and Sustainability West Midlands, provides information and advice on integrating water issues into local planning.

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Flood Risk

Recent high profile flooding events highlight the need for development to be directed away from areas of current or future flood risk and which do not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere. Local plan policies can support better flood risk management in many ways. Local plan policies which support a sequential approach to land allocation will ensure land at lowest risk is developed first. The local plan could also promote the use of indicative drainage strategies on developments.

We propose the plan supports integrating more natural systems of flood risk management which would control surface water run-off near to its source and to greenfield run-off rates. We see a need for policies which promote sustainable drainage, the reinstatement of the natural floodplain and the retention and restoration of watercourses.

Policies in the neighbourhood plan should encourage developers to have regard to all relevant Catchment Flood Management Plans and the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. We consider developers should also be advised to check areas at risk of flooding with the Environment Agency to determine the extent and nature of the flooding anticipated.

Waste Management and Resource Efficiency

Managing our resources and waste streams is a corner stone of delivering Sustainable Development. It is also an important way to reduce carbon emissions and therefore mitigate our impact on climate change.

The construction industry generates large volumes of waste, much of which can be recycled. A third of all carbon emissions come from houses. It is therefore important to ensure the plan promotes best practise in the construction phase and helps reduce the environmental impact of new building in the longer term. We support the inclusion of policies which promote the waste hierarchy.

Green infrastructure

We see multifunction green and blue space as a vital and an integral part of any new development. Good green and blue space within a development increases house prices, is good for health and recreation as well as wildlife. Carefully designed green infrastructure can have a range of environmental services such as flood risk management and reducing the levels of pollutants getting into rivers. We support the inclusion of policies in the plan which promote and enhance the quality, uses and extend of green space provision in new developments in the plan area.

Contaminated land

It is clearly important to reuse land for development and so reduce pressure on greenfield sites. However, brownfield sites often have complex issues and it is important that land contamination and water pollution are fully assessed before the site is deemed suitable for new development. We support the inclusion of policies that promote the effective and appropriate management and reuse of brownfield sites.

Biodiversity

Spatial planning has a significant role to play in protecting and enhancing wildlife areas. We consider the plan should have policies to protect nature sites. Even relatively small green spaces can offer good habitat creation opportunities.

Neighbourhood Plans should include policies which support the inclusion of space for wildlife and water in all new development in the plan area. This could be done by promoting the inclusion of multifunctional green and blue space in all new development. Policies which promote sustainable drainage solutions to water management, such as swales and ponds can provide habitat for wildlife as can measures to promote the naturalisations of watercourses.

I hope you find these comments useful and provoke thinking on these topics for future inclusion in your Plan.

MR GEOFF PLATTS
Planning Specialist Sustainable Places

Health & Safety Executive

CONSULTATION ON YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REPRESENTATIONS BY HSE DESFORD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you for your request to provide a representation on the above consultation document. When consulted on land-use planning matters, HSE where possible will make representations to ensure that compatible development within the consultation zones of major hazard establishments and major accident hazard pipelines (MAHPs) is achieved.

We have concluded that we have no representations to make on this occasion. This is because our records show that the Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan boundary and the land within does not encroach on the consultation zones of major hazard establishments or MAHPs¹. As no encroachment has been detected, HSE does not need to be informed of the next stages in the adoption of the Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

John Moran
HM Specialist Inspector of Health and Safety (Risk Assessment)

Sport England

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above Neighbourhood Consultation.

Planning Policy in the **National Planning Policy Framework** identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important.

It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy.

It is also important to be aware of Sport England's role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields (see link below), as set out in our national guide, '**A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England – Planning Policy Statement**'.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/development-management/planning-applications/playing-field-land/>

Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport and further information can be found following the link below:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/>

Sport England works with Local Authorities to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/>

If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

APPENDIX 1 – Workshop Presentations



supporting people & sustaining communities

Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

This Evening's Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Background to Neighbourhood Planning
John Preston – RCC
3. Desford Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
Pat Crane – Desford NPWG
4. Role and support for communities undertaking Neighbourhood Planning
Andrew Killip – HBBC
5. Issues and Priorities Workshop
Led by Table Facilitators

Aims for the Evening

Provide some background and context to the Desford Parish 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

John Preston
Project Delivery Officer RCC

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.



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.

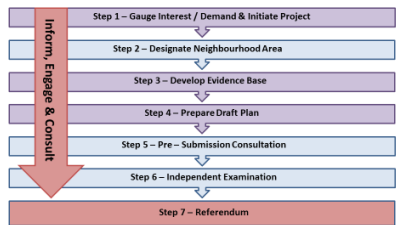
A Neighbourhood Plan...

| CAN | SHOULD NOT |
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| Shape & direct future development. | Look to prevent any development from ever taking place in an area. |
| Identify the most suitable local sites for development. | Aim to simply block a specific or series of proposed developments. |
| Complement and/or add local detail to existing planning policies. | Conflict with relevant local, national or EU policies. |
| Encourage more development than proposed in an area. | Reduce the amount of development already allocated to an area. |
| Identify key assets for preservation. | Be prepared without input and support from the local community. |
| Set out improvements or additions to facilities, services and infrastructure. | Be prepared without the support of the Parish and Local Planning Authority. |

Neighbourhood Planning provides a mechanism for communities to engage the planning system and influence the future of their area in a proactive way.

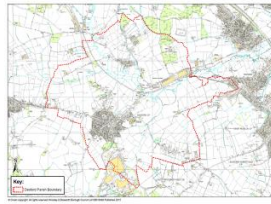


Steps to Create a Neighbourhood Plan



Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Pat Crane



Progress of Desford Parish Neighbourhood Plan

| Milestone | Process | Date (estimates) |
|-----------|--|------------------|
| 1 | PC establishes Working Group | 2015 |
| 2 | NDP Proposal approved by HBBC | 2015 |
| 3 | Community Consultation Public Drop-in Events | May 2016 |
| 4 | Stakeholder Consultation | July 2016 |
| 5 | Resident Questionnaire | Oct / Nov 2016 |
| 6 | Formulation of Policies | |
| 7 | Draft of NDP for public consultation (6 weeks) | |
| 8 | HBBC Assessment | |
| 9 | External Assessment | |
| 10 | Community Referendum | |




Neighbourhood Planning and the Role of the Borough Council

Andrew Killip
Planning Manager (Policy)
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council


The Statutory Role of the Borough Council

- Production of the Local Plan
 - Core Strategy (2009)
 - Hinckley Town Centre AAP (2011)
 - Earl Shilton and Barwell AAP (2014)
 - Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (2016?)



The Statutory Role of the Borough Council


- Designation of a Neighbourhood Area



Current Parish Boundary


The Statutory Role of the Borough Council

- Designation of a Neighbourhood Forum
 - 21 members who live, work or conduct business in the area



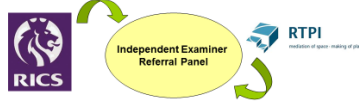
The Statutory Role of the Borough Council

- Ensuring consultation and publicity of plan stages
- Ensure Statutory Consultees are informed of the Pre-examination Plan
- Ensure compliance with EU Regulations
 - ✓ Environmental Assessments
 - ✓ Sustainability Appraisal
 - ✓ Habitat Regulations




The Statutory Role of the Borough Council

- Validation Check
- Appointment of Examiner



The Statutory Role of the Borough Council

- Conducting the Referendum
- 'Making' the Plan



Additional Support from HBBC


- Planning Officer time and support
- Service Level Agreement
- Access to evidence bases
- Attendance at relevant meetings
- Advice on Policy preparation
- Assisting with consultation events
- Statutory Checking Role



How Will HBBC Use the NDP?


Once Made the Borough Council will use NDPs to.....

- Determine planning applications
- Guide developer enquiries
- Resist inappropriate development



Issues & Priorities Workshop

3 ways to feed in your views:



APPENDIX 2 – Stakeholder Consultee List

| Statutory Consultation Bodies |
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| Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council |
| DCLG |
| Leicestershire County Council |
| Desford Parish Council |
| Newbold Verdon Parish Council |
| Kirby Muxloe Parish Council |
| Peckleton Parish Council |
| Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council |
| Ratby Parish Council |
| Leicester Forest West Parish Meeting |
| Homes and Communities Agency |
| Natural England |
| The Environment Agency |
| CPRE Leicestershire |
| Historic England |
| The Coal Authority |
| Network Rail |
| Health & Safety Executive |
| Highways England |

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| APT Marconi |
| Three |
| EE Corporate and Financial Affairs Dept. |
| Vodafone and 02 |
| Virgin Media |
| Land Use Planning Dept, Vodafone |
| Arriva Midlands |
| West Leicestershire CCG |
| Desford Medical Centre |
| Desford Dental Centre |
| Bosworth Academy |
| Desford Community Primary School |
| Midlands Rural Housing |
| National Grid |
| British Gas Properties |
| British Gas Connections Ltd |
| Severn Trent Water |
| Federation of Small Businesses |
| Country Land & Business Association |
| National Farmers Union |
| East Midlands Chamber |
| Vista Blind |
| Action Deafness |
| Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living |
| Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland |
| Voluntary Action LeicesterShire |
| Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust |
| Sport England |
| Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport |
| Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire |
| East Midlands Ambulance Service |
| Federation of Gypsy Liaison Group |
| Leicestershire Fire & Rescue |

| Local Businesses: | |
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| Think 19 Ltd | Astley Fabrications |
| CS Milne | Capital Floors Ltd |
| Corporate Deals Ltd | David Ross Fabrications Ltd |
| DNR Colour Print | Dragon Distribution Ltd |
| Gabbro | JFD Cartons |
| KJN Automation | Mallory Coating |
| Metalium Ltd | Midland Precision |
| PSS Ltd | Principal Contract Ltd |
| Printpack Services Ltd | Professional Spray Solutions Ltd |
| Progressive Computing | SP Leicester Ltd |
| SP Sheet Metal Ltd | Software 4 All Ltd |
| Software Micro Ltd | Spira Ltd |
| 3K Engineering Ltd | ABC Metals |
| AMD Four Wheel Drive | B & D Preston |
| BJB Engineering | Blackwood Quarry Engineering Ltd |
| Blueridge Contracts Ltd | BR Cartronics |

| Local Businesses: | |
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| Centmetal Property Ltd | CFS Computers |
| Comer Industries | DCN |
| Dansart Ltd | Hamaton (Europe) Ltd |
| Industrial Silencers Ltd | KP Mechanical Handling Ltd |
| LA Engineering | Lawman Commercial Services Ltd |
| Maple Tools | Midland Metal Management Ltd |
| Performance Wheels Ltd | SCL Sheet Metal |
| S Tysoe Installations Ltd | Shoretan Leisure |
| Simtom Food Products Ltd | Solstar Enterprises Ltd |
| Swimsuit Dryer Company Ltd | The Spray Shop (Leicester) Ltd |
| TPS Hire Ltd | Typecast Engineering Ltd |
| Tyresure Ltd | Vanfast |
| Arboreco | Berridge Waste Paper Ltd |
| Blue Bell Inn | Brook Lane Garage |
| Cardpoint Services Ltd | Caterpillar UK Ltd |
| Central England Co-operative | Desford Dance Academy |
| Crown Crest (Leicester) plc | Desford Express |
| Desford Garden Services | Desford Fish Bar |
| Desford Pharmacy | Desford Karate |
| Desford Post Office | Desford Tandoori |
| Finning UK Ltd | The Food Room |
| Frank Smith Haulage | Gables Stables |
| Garvey's Gardens Landscaping | Greyhound Inn |
| Highfields Seeds Ltd | Keswick Trays |
| Lancaster Arms | L.A. Maud |
| John Law Conservatories | Lockey Farm Boarding Kennels |
| Lyndale Boarding Cattery | Midlands Co-op Society Ltd |
| Neovia Logistics Services UK Ltd | Physio in Desford |
| Principals hair & Beauty | Lodge Farm Equestrian |
| Sun & Soil Solar Farm | The Dance Factory |
| Tropical Bird Garden (Leics) Ltd | Vicki's Barbers |
| White Horse Pesto | Desford Hall (Management Co) |
| 3TC Software Ltd | Eyeful Presentations Ltd |
| Office Twelve Ltd | Quadrant Building Control |
| Russell Scanlon Ltd | Sector design |
| Skill Base Training Ltd | Sun Textile UK Ltd |
| Beamex Ltd | Chatsworth Developments |
| R Bilson & Sons Ltd | Firstpoint Homecare Ltd |
| Full Fat Designs | Jendene Fitted Bedrooms |
| LMW Electronics Ltd | LTR Recorders |
| Mavrick Blinds Ltd | Grange Farm (Sporting Clays) |
| Re-Creation Design Ltd | Segasby Studios |
| Symbiosis | Baron Park Nursing Home |

| Community Organisations / Local Clubs: | |
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| Desford Allotment Gardeners Association | Botcheston WI |
| Barns Charity | Beaufort Singers |
| Coffee & Chat | Book Club |
| Desford & District Local History Society | Boodons |
| Desford Badminton Club | Bell ringers |
| Desford Bowls Club | Desford & Peckleton Art Club |
| Desford Community Action Group | Desford Football Club |
| Desford Free Church Men's Group | Desford Ladies Group |
| Desford Good Neighbours Scheme | Desford Lawn Tennis Club |
| Desford Striders | Desford Table Tennis Club |
| First Responders | Desford Wine Circle |

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| Friends of Desford Surgery | Friends & Neighbours |
| Kirby Grange Residents Association | Leicester Classic Car Enthusiasts |
| Desford Brownies & Rainbows | Loving Hands |
| Mums & Toddlers | St Martin's Church Choir |
| Wednesday Friendship Club | Desford Scout Group |
| Friday Nighters / Youth Cafe | Chatterbox |
| Lighthouse Group | Messy Church |
| Botcheston Village Hall | Desford Free Church |
| Desford Library | Desford Village Hall |
| St Martin's Church | St Martin's Church Centre |
| Sport in Desford | Chapel Lane Playgroup |
| Topsham House Nursery | |

| Landowners & Developers | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Davidsons Group | Bellway Homes Ltd |
| Ratcliffe Farms Ltd | Charnwood Poultry Farms |
| Ashfield Farm | Forest View Farm |
| Hill Farm | Lindridge Hall Farm (TN & AM Scarratt) |
| Baron Parks Farm (Fletcher & Son) | Snowdene Farm |
| Lindridge Farm | Woodlands Farm |
| Lindridge Wood Farm | Hollowoak Farm |
| Manor Hill Farm | Forest Hill Farm |
| Stud Farm | Glendale Farm |
| Tumblin Field Farm | Park House Farm |
| Park House Farm | Cottage Farm |
| Whittington Grange Farm | Newtown Grange Farm |
| Osbaston Lodge Farm | Coton House Farm |
| The Priory | Elms Farm |
| Hunt Lane Farm | Lodge Farm |

APPENDIX 3 – Apologies / Acknowledgments Received

| Apologies / Acknowledgments Received | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Cllr Brian Sutton HBBC | Cllr David Sprason CC |
| Cllr Ruth Camamile | Desford Free Church |
| Botcheston WI | Desford Rainbows & Brownies |
| Desford Scout Group | Symbiosis Consulting Ltd |
| Dr. Maini, Desford Medical Practice | Highways England |
| The Health & Safety Executive | Sport England |
| Leicestershire Libraries | Leicestershire Fire Service |
| Natural England | CPRE |
| Desford Pharmacy | Caterpillar UK Ltd |
| Underbank Farm | Mr. M. Hand |
| Ms. L & Ms. S. Elliott | Highways, LeicesterShire County Council |



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