

Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves Neighbourhood Plan – an update

When you attended our September consultation event you asked to be kept informed. Since then, the advisory group has met each month. In October we held another consultation event for landowners, official bodies, and community groups, and by November, we had begun to consider all the views expressed. By December, we had more insight into what a neighbourhood plan can do, and sub-divided our advisory group members into topic groups – housing, environment, transport, business/facilities.

Neighbourhood planning policies need to be underpinned by evidence, and consultants researched evidence sources for us e.g. where to get information about wildlife sites, valuable open spaces, historic buildings, transport plans, and so on. We now need to seek your help to extract the evidence relevant to our parish. This will lead to drafting suitable policies to influence the planning authority's decisions.

This is our chance to plan the kind of housing we might need, how much, and who for; what services, businesses and facilities will be need to be grown to meet increased demand; and which places might need either protection from development or be best suited to it. We need to hear from as many people as possible, by getting more people to contribute to the sub-group work.

Consultants will help us to make sure any policies we draft will fit in with the Charnwood Local Plan, and with county and regional plans for this area. Planning officers will use our policies to make their decisions, and when decisions are challenged at appeal, planning inspectors will also use them. To contribute ideas, concerns, comments or to get involved in a group, email woodhouseparishnp@gmail.com and tell us which of the following topics you are interested in.

- Housing
- Environment
- Transport, facilities & business.

Advisory group minutes and other documents are on the parish website at www.woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk/woodhouse-parish-neighbourhood-p1.html and our meetings are listed on the Community What's On pages at www.woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk/local-events.html and in Roundabout.