



NORTH KILWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT

FRIDAY 20 March 2015

CONSULTATION RESULTS

A poster for the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan. It features a green header with the title 'NORTH KILWORTH Neighbourhood Plan'. Below the title are three small images: a tree, a speed limit sign for 30, and a church. The text 'SHAPE YOUR VILLAGE UP TO 2031' is written below the images. The main heading is 'FINAL DROP-IN EVENT', followed by the date and time: 'Friday 20th March 2015, 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm'. The location is 'Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth'. A list of consultation topics is provided, and the poster ends with the slogan 'WE'RE NEARLY THERE! THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE! COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY!'.

NORTH KILWORTH
Neighbourhood Plan

SHAPE YOUR VILLAGE
UP TO 2031

FINAL DROP-IN EVENT
Friday 20th March 2015
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth

- What land is to be protected?
- Where is the preferred location for new housing?
- What does the Neighbourhood Plan have to say about employment; community services; open space; traffic and many other issues?

**WE'RE NEARLY THERE! THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE!
COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY!**

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1. Background

a) Project Brief

Yourlocale was commissioned by North Kilworth Parish Council to assist the Steering Group in the delivery of a drop-in event on Neighbourhood Planning at the Belgrave Village Hall on Friday 20 March 2015 between 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

Following detailed consideration of the policies to be contained within the Neighbourhood Plan, the aim of this event was to inform the community of the progress of the Plan to date and to share the emerging policies with the community and stakeholders, particularly in relation to the sites to be made available for development and the Local Green Spaces to be protected from development.

b) Publicity

The drop-in event was promoted in a variety of ways:

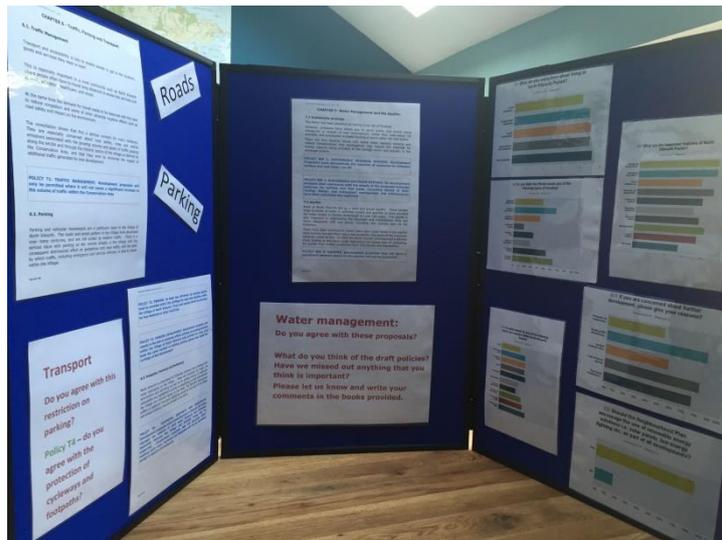
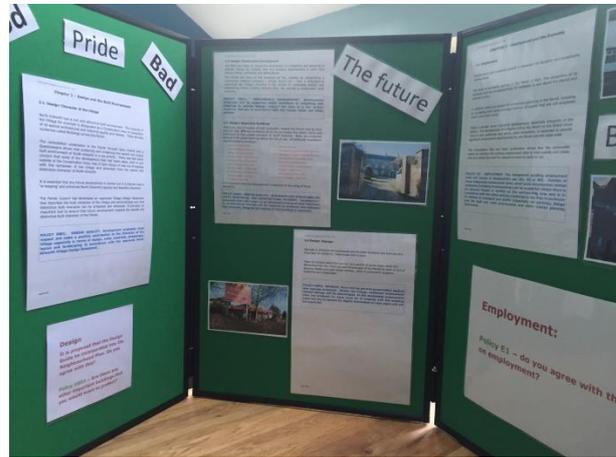
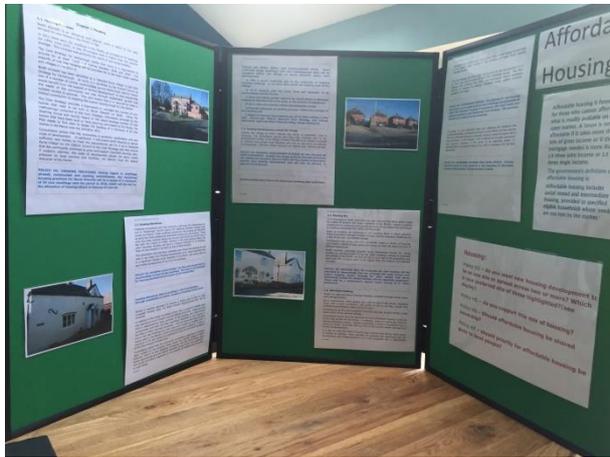
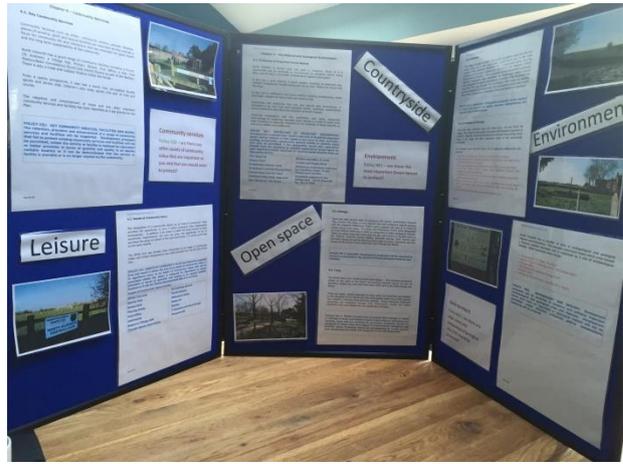
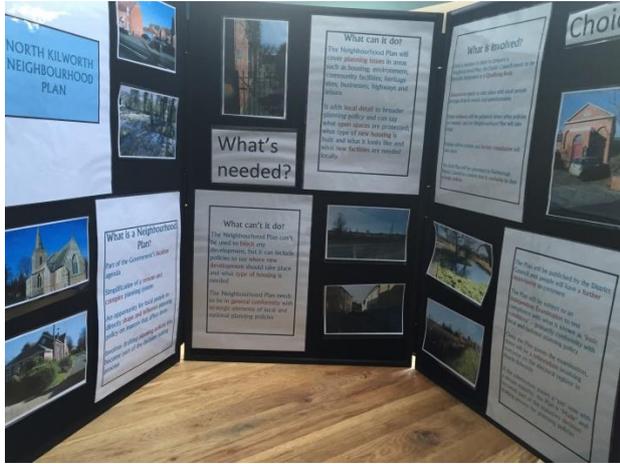
- Leaflets and flyers were produced and circulated through the Village through the local newsletter
- Steering Group members promoted the event
- Banners and posters were placed across North Kilworth in the lead-up to the event.

2. Format of Event

a) Process on the day

Sign in	Steering Group members welcomed attendees on arrival and asked them to complete a contact sheet which recorded details of where the individual lives and age range/gender of attendees.
Introduction	Several display boards were made available to view. The format of the event was explained to people who attended.
Background	The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process that is being followed by North Kilworth Parish Council.
Consultation on key issues	<p>A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focussed on a different topic related to planning and development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local Green Space and Environment▪ Housing and Design▪ Businesses and Shops▪ Heritage▪ Traffic and Transport▪ Leisure and Community Facilities <p>The display boards included the text of the policies that have been drafted to date. Attendees were asked to comment on the emerging policies</p>
Visual maps	Attendees were shown a map revealing the 3 sites that may be considered suitable for housing development. They were asked to comment on their preference for these sites

Display Boards



Age range of attendees:

25-34 – 1

35-44 – 3

45-54 – 3

55-64 – 8

65-74 – 17

75+ - 4

3. Results

Employment – businesses and shops	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy E1 – do you agree with this policy on employment?
Total responses	8
Comments	

- E1 – agree
- E1 – agree
- E1 – agree
- E1 – yes
- Employment – yes
- Employment – yes
- E1 – agree
- E1 – agree

Open Space and Environment	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy NE1 – Are these the most important Green Spaces to protect? • Policy NE5 – Are there any other views and archaeological/ geological sites that should be protected?
Total responses	11
Comments	

- Agree to addition of protection of open spaces, however, concerned that if the school needed to expand and build a new building that they don't want their hands tied.
- 5.3 – what is anybody doing to stop the Leicester Lane spinney being decimated. Action is needed today.

- NE1 – it is not possible to “replace” green spaces. Where they are now is how they add to the character of the village.
- HDC – agree too readily chop down trees even though they should be in a protected conservative area.
- 5.3 – a number of villagers have referred to the spinney on Dag Lane by the farm... This should be designated as such an open space on the map. There is also a mud wall that needs an order.
- NE5 – mud walls around the village need protecting
- NE5 – appropriate building materials and styles should be insisted upon – Foxsure cottage on High Street is an excellent example of what can be done.
- NE5 – don’t forget the mud walling on the Wright’s farm.
- I have a concern that footpaths in the past have become roads for vehicles and it takes away the character. There has to be careful thought when just putting lines on maps.
- NE2 – agree
- NE5 – some proposed developments will destroy ancient ridge and furrow.

Housing	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy H2 – do you want new housing developments to be on one site or spread across two or more? Which is your preferred site of those highlighted? • Policy H5 – do you support this mix of housing? • Policy H6 – Should Affordable Housing be shared ownership? <p>Policy H7 – Should priority for affordable housing be given to local people?</p>
Total responses	26
Comments	

- Can we add in the Parish Council agreed criteria for affordable housing under policy H7?
- It would seem that the affordable houses which were to be allocated to village people are not now to be so – we have been conned.
- H2 – two or more sites
- H5 – yes, population age stats are significant. If older people want to stay in the village, they don't want to downsize to a starter house.
- I have a concern with regard to the character of the conservation area which is not mentioned anywhere and which becomes crucial when looking at the street scene. High brick walls were said to be significant but this was not highlighted at the White Lion and planning permission was given to knock one down when the house still could have been built using the entrance to the White Lion. Wide verges were also part of the character but they have been swallowed by the builders who build properties on the boundary line. The character of the conservation area was actually written not by the village, but by the planners. It is the street scene that makes the character and putting an edict about the high brick walls and entrance to several dwellings has been important in the past. Had there been discussion about this neighbourhood plan, I might have been able to convince someone of its value.
- H6 – yes
- H7 – yes, but how is this achieved – note previous comment.
- H2- spread across several sites allows greater flexibility.
- H5 – mix is good
- H6 – yes
- H7 – yes
- The village hall car park. 100023843 has been partially designated 'open space' which is incorrect and does not conform to the map.
- H2 – two sites
- H5 – yes
- H6 – yes
- H7 – yes
- H5 - yes
- H2 – one site

- H5 – yes
- H6 – yes
- H7 – yes
- H2 – two sites
- H6 – yes
- H7 – yes
- H2 – yes
- H7 – yes

Site preference:

Site 1 – 22 first preference; 4 second preference; 1 third preference.

Site 2 – 2 first preference; 7 second preference; 12 third preference.

Site 3 – 4 first preference; 10 second preference; 7 third preference.

On a scoring system of 3 points for first preference; 2 points for second preference and 1 point for third preference, this results in:

Site 1 – 75 points. (Corner of Station Road and Pincet Lane)

Site 2 – 30 points. (Next to Sports Club on South Kilworth Road)

Site 3 – 39 points. (Opposite Rose Dale)

Design and heritage	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is proposed that the Design Guide be incorporated into the proposals. Do you agree with this? • Policy DBE3 – are there any other important buildings that you would want to protect?
Total responses	15
Comments	

- As per 2000 village plan – all well documented but enforcement is the key.
- Design is a matter to be adhered to but is a matter of personal taste also.
- Terrific
- Brick colour to complement existing buildings
- Yes the neighbourhood plan needs to incorporate the design statement and it needs to be enforced.
- Will innovative designs of homes be considered?
- Has external wall claddings to existing buildings for energy efficiency been considered?
- Sympathetic materials should be a matter of consent. We have had good and bad in recent years.
- Datestone should be on any new important buildings or substantial extension.
- Design guide should be incorporated and enforced.
- DBE1: Bricks of colour to match and fit in with the village buildings.
- DBE4 – agree
- Design – yes
- Design – yes
- Other buildings – old school house?
- Totally agree that the millennium green is very special and that all dogs should be banned. All important areas should be preserved, including the sparks club on South Kilworth Road. Both should be a wildlife haven.
- As we live in the countryside, many families will have dogs and enjoy getting out for fresh air and exercise with their dogs. The millennium green is a lovely place to walk them as long as owners take responsibility and clear up after them. Maybe some villagers who have such strong opinions on how the millennium green is run should join the committee, help fundraise to pay for essential maintenance and join work groups to keep it reserved for all to enjoy.
- As a dog owner, I find it is getting so we won't be able to take our dogs anywhere! We are supposed to be a nation of animal lovers, I sometimes wonder about this, I am a responsible dog owner as I'm sure many more are.
- The open fields should be left open, not built on.

Community Services

Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy CS2 – Are there any other assets of community value that are important to you and that you would want to protect?
Total responses	0

Transport and Access

Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you agree with this restriction on parking? • Policy T4 – do you agree with the protection of cycle ways and footpaths? • Water management – Do you agree with these proposals? • General – what do you think of the draft policies? • Have we missed anything out that is important?
Total responses	27
Comments	

- The bottom line scales need naming, what is 1, 2, 3 etc?
- Safe crossing needed across main road – especially with new development. I am aware this is being looked into already.
- Village people are their own worst enemy in that they make no effort to put their valuables within their own property. Most property has room for parking, easy option is use the road.
- It is vital that parking on footpaths is stopped immediately.
- The water aquifer is vital and it needs to stay at the level it is on now.
- Water management – proposals are sound.
- T2 – agree
- T3 – agree
- T4 – agree

- T4 – agree
- T3 – agree (conditions of verges)
- T2 – agree (conditions of verges)
- WM1 – agree
- WM2 – most important
- T2 – agree
- T3 – agree
- T4 – agree
- T1 – agree
- T2 – agree
- T3 – agree
- T4 – agree
- WM1 – agree
- WM2 – agree
- WM3 – agree
- T1-4 – agree
- WM1-3 – agree
- WM1-3 – agree

Summary of findings

There was strong general support from those who attended the open event for the draft policies on view

Employment – All of those who expressed an opinion supported the policy on employment, retaining the existing employment site for future use and supporting small scale employment elsewhere where there is no adverse impact on the surrounding area.

Housing– There was strong support for the draft policies. Of only 4 people commenting on the balance of housing sites, 3 expressed a preference for two or more sites whilst one preferred new housing development to be on a single site.

Of the sites put forward, there was strong support for site one followed by site 3 and finally site 2.

Design - There was general agreement for the design guide to be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. Additional design features were referenced.

Environment – The importance of green spaces was apparent in the responses. The significance of the Mud Walls in the Village was stressed. Comments were also made about the potential difficulty of the school if it needs to expand and the risk of proposed developments impacting on existing ridge and furrow.

Community Services – No comments were received.

Transport and access – There was full agreement from those commenting for the policies on display.

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December April 2015