



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Development Plan



Your Plan, Your Village, Your Future Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

What has been happening?

Since our last newsletter at the end of April, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party have spent 3 months preparing the Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) documents ready for consultation with residents. As these are legal documents, they need to comply with various regulations and be very detailed. As a result, there are nearly 150 pages of documentation.

Most residents will be interested in **Sections 2 and 5** of the document called [Our Plan](#), although of course comments are welcome on any section of any document.

Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives

Section 2 sets out a vision for the Parish and objectives that the plan should achieve. These have been defined by analysis of the 3,047 comments made by residents during the Neighbourhood Plan vote which was undertaken in March 2014.

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott should remain as a small but sustainable rural village:

- with three distinct settlements,
- each retaining its unique character and boundaries,
- but part of a combined Parish,
- with a strong sense of community.

By 2035 the Parish should have grown by no more than 20%:

- maintaining a mix of all age groups and housing types,
- with local employment opportunities for young people,
- with a thriving pub,
- and access to public transport.

In growing the Parish we will ensure that the built and natural environment are protected and enhanced by:

- identifying settlement boundaries aligned with natural and historical features of the Village,
- defining important street scenes that must be protected and enhanced in all the settlements,
- designating areas of Local Green Space which serve as important amenities or define the shape and form of each settlement,
- identifying suitable areas in which employment and commercial activity can be located so as to minimise any negative impact they might have on residential life,
- protecting the limited amenities which already exist and developing new amenities and activities which are sustainable and self-financing in a small rural community.

Neighbourhood Plan Policies

Section 5 of the document called [Our Plan](#) lays out the policies proposed to achieve these objectives.

Policies have been defined for **Housing**, identifying sites on which 37 new properties can be built in the period 2015-2035. Together with properties already under development or being brought back into use, this will grow the parish by 20%. The development sites have been spread across the three settlements and phased to ensure that we don't have too much development all at once. The sites chosen are those voted for by a majority of residents in the poll conducted in March 2014.

Policies have also been defined to protect and enhance **Amenities** in the Parish. These include proposals to define and protect areas of Local Green Space which are important in defining the shape and rural character of the Village.

Finally there are **Employment, Industrial and Commercial** policies which aim to promote sustainable commercial activity in the Village whilst protecting the amenity of residents.

How can I read the draft plan?

The NDP comprises five documents which should be read together:

[Our Plan](#) – *Details the policies that will apply to future development within the plan area.*

[Basic Conditions Statement](#) – *This details the plan's compliance with legal requirements.*

[Formal Consultation Statement](#) – *This details how the plan was consulted upon through the various stages of its creation.*

[Sustainability Appraisal](#) – *This details how the policies conform to the national principles of sustainable development.*

[References](#) – *This details the documentary evidence collected and used to form the plan.*

These have been published on the internet at <http://ndp.chelveston.org.uk/NDP-Our-Plan>. Anyone is free to read and study them there, and print out the sections they are interested in.

Printing a full copy of the 150 pages for each household would cost £3,300. Although every household is entitled to read a copy, we have decided to save money and paper by only producing them on request. However, we will have loan copies available for residents to borrow and study for a week at a time..

We will also be holding a consultation evening on **Monday 1st September 2014**. The documents will be available for detailed study (with refreshments to ease the task!). The Working Party will be available to explain and discuss the documents and a presentation will be made to explain the key points in the plan.

How can I comment on the draft plan?

You can contact any of the following by e-mail with comments:

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To request a loan copy of the plan, contact any of the above. You can also comment on line at <http://ndp.chelveston.org.uk/comment>

This phase of consultation will be open until midnight on 14th September 2014, after which time all comments received will be published, analysed and considered carefully to produce a revised version of the plan.