



Ideas coming together for the Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan team have now identified the key points from the recently completed “big survey” questionnaire and are now busy identifying what proposals might be necessary for progression in order to address the issues that that have been raised.

It’s disappointing to us all that the draft Core Strategy for Stratford District has been declared “unsound as it stands” by the Inspector and, to quote from the Stratford Herald (26th March), this will “*continue to leave the District wide open to so-called “rapacious” developers who are persistently exploiting the lack of an adopted local plan*”. In view of this situation, your Neighbourhood Plan team have prepared a position statement on housing which summarises the views expressed by respondents in the questionnaire.

A copy of this position statement can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Plan website at www.w-w-w.org.uk and covers a) what number and type of houses should be built, b) when they should be built and c) where these might preferably be built. The main messages were included in last month’s issue of this article. The intention is that this position statement will be used as the basis for challenging any planning applications that are submitted by developers which in some way conflict with the wishes expressed by our residents.

The plan is to review in future issues of this article the feedback received in each of the subject areas covered by the questionnaire and to also share with you the draft proposals that are being considered. Next month’s article will look at transport and travel.

We are always looking for people to join our team who are willing to give some time and effort in helping shape the future of our villages. If you feel you might be interested to know more about what we are doing and how you might be able to contribute, then contact us using the details shown below.

A full copy of the feedback received from the questionnaire, covering all subject areas, can be seen on our website at www.w-w-w.org.uk, and if you have any views that you wish to share with us, or would like to become more involved in our activities, then send an e-mail to info@w-w-w.org.uk or contact us on 07967 057448.