

FOXTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SUMMARY

Introduction

Foxton Parish Council is seeking comments on the pre-submission consultation draft of Foxton's Neighbourhood Plan. This is a formal 6-week consultation process, required by legislation, running from 15 May to 26 June 2019. Copies of the draft plan are available to read in hard copy from members of the working group (see page 4) or online at www.foxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk. Please submit your comments online or on the attached feedback form.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led initiative to prepare a planning document that becomes part of the statutory development plan for the local area, and will be taken into account when assessing local planning applications. Alongside the new South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan gives local communities the power to influence the extent and location of future development. Foxton's Neighbourhood Plan will cover the period 2019 to 2031, and will be a vital tool for local planners. It also sets out our aspirations and policies to be considered by wider strategic planning and transport bodies.

The Neighbourhood Plan preparation process

Work started in autumn 2015. Three years were spent gathering evidence; carrying out further research to get up to date, meaningful evidence on housing need, landscape and historic character; and most importantly consulting Foxton residents on their aspirations for Foxton over the next 12 years. This evidence has been considered and in the case of the 2018 questionnaire responses, statistically analysed. From the evidence, policies have been developed for each objective theme. Read the draft plan in detail to see all this evidence, graphs and maps, and the full wording of the 21 policies:

Objectives and Policies

The key objectives for the plan, and the policies that support them, are summarised in the following table. Full details can be found in the draft plan.

Group Village Status	
This policy aims to provide local context to the village development framework, retaining Foxton's status as a Group Village	
FOX/1	Locations for new development

Environment and Character	
As the rural nature, landscape and historical character of Foxton are so important to Foxton residents, the draft plan includes a number of policies covering these themes and aiming to protect and enhance landscape character and biodiversity. The key ones are summarised spatially on the last page of this summary.	
FOX/2	Design and character
FOX/3	Heritage assets and their setting
FOX/4	Enhance and add to existing green spaces with biodiversity and landscape value
FOX/5	Protecting and enhancing Foxton's Landscape Character
FOX/6	Protecting and enhancing the key views in and out of Foxton village
FOX/7	Foxton's Green Belt
FOX/8	Biodiversity and new development
Housing	
The policies in this section aim to support modest growth and ensure that this contributes towards meeting local housing needs.	
FOX/9 & 9A	New residential proposals
FOX/10	Housing mix
FOX/11	Rural Exceptions housing
Community Facilities	
The policies in this section aim to maintain and enhance Foxton's existing community facilities, and formal recreational and informal green spaces.	
FOX/12	Protecting existing community facilities
FOX/13	Additional areas of locally important open space
FOX/14	Future green infrastructure provision
FOX/15	Footpath network
Employment	
The policies in this section aim to help provide employment of Foxton residents.	
FOX/16	New employment provision in Foxton
FOX/17	Support for the provision of a Foxton day care facility
Transport	
The policies in this section aim to reduce the impact of traffic in the village, and improve road safety, whilst encouraging people to use methods of transport other than cars.	
FOX/18	Alleviating congestion and improving traffic flow
FOX/19	New development and connectivity

Rural Travel Hub	
This policy aims to maximise benefits to the parish in the event of the creation of a travel hub and/or closure of the level crossing, and to ensure that the whole area adjacent to the station is redeveloped in a coherent, integrated way	
FOX/20	Foxton Travel Hub and A10 Development Opportunity Site
Site Allocations	
The planning process includes a 'call for sites', allowing local landowners (or those with an interest in a site) to put forward proposed development sites. This took place in autumn 2018, and the sites put forward were objectively assessed against agreed criteria. Three sites have been included in the draft plan: The old Trinity School site, a triangle between the A10 and the railway, and land adjacent to the Burlington press (for business). The draft plan sets out aspirations for the type and indicative numbers of dwellings for two of these sites. The A10 triangle recommendations in the draft plan aim to guide consideration of any future planning applications, together with any transport infrastructure changes that may come forward. This is to ensure that Foxton influences and benefits from any such future development pressure. Discussions are currently underway with the developer for the old school/chapel site, again to ensure that any new dwellings meet local housing need.	
FOX/21	Site allocations

To find out more

Read the draft plan online at www.foxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk. Also available on this website are copies of key evidence documents used in the preparation of the plan.

Alternatively, hard copies of the draft plan are available to read/borrow for 48 hours from the following Neighbourhood Plan working group members:

Catherine Cairns (Edis Way)	01223 870473	Laura Finnemore (Barrington Rd)	07748 525007
Caroline Illott (High Street)	01223 870602	Liam Elliott (West Hill Rd)	01223 475305
Louise Lord (West Hill Rd)	07834 526300		

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO INFLUENCE THIS IMPORTANT PLAN FOR FOXTON'S FUTURE!

Next steps

All comments will be considered by the working group and amendments made to the draft plan, as appropriate. The comments will be summarised in a Consultation Statement, alongside the evidence from the various local consultation exercises. This document is required by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), as part of the statutory process for preparing neighbourhood plans. We anticipate that both the revised draft Foxton Neighbourhood Plan and the Consultation Statement will be submitted to Foxton Parish Council for approval in early

autumn 2019, and then sent to SCDC planners. They then undertake further external consultation, before submitting the draft plan to the Planning Inspectorate. If it is found to be ‘sound’, the plan then comes back to Foxton Parish to be voted on in a local referendum. The plan becomes statutory if more than 50% of eligible voters approve it.

