Drafting of the Plan—get involved

The Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan group have had a number of offers from members of the community expressing a wish to be involved in the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan. As such we have decided to open this up to all.

We are looking for written submissions to contribute towards the following chapter:

Background to Abbots Bromley

We would like you to focus on what makes Abbots Bromley unique, a short history and character—this could include important buildings, landscapes, footpaths and conservation. What makes Abbots Bromley important to you?

There already exists a number of helpful reference documents that you may wish to refer to:

http://www.abbotsbromley.com/village_design_statement

Abbots Bromley Conservation Area Appraisal (2015)
http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/docs/planning/conservlistedbuild/appraisaldocs/AbbotsBromleyCAAJul15.pdf

Be creative (we are not looking for “planning speak”) but keep your submission as concise and accurate to the outline as possible. The NDP group reserves the right to amend or reject any submission, we may use all or part of any submission.

You should submit your completed work by e-mail in a word format attachment to:

abbots.bromleyndp@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is Monday 31st October, 17:00

For further information please contact Peter Male (peter@highways-training.co.uk)

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

You can find out more by visiting the following link:

http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/

Or you can contact the Neighbourhood Plan Group

Horn Dance

The Neighbourhood Plan group will have a stall on the village green on Horn Dance Day (Monday 12th September 2016) Please come and have a chat and have a look at some new displays

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NDP Timetable

INITIAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT MEETING HELD 18/12/15
FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP AND PARISH COUNCIL AGREEMENT OF GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015
INAUGURAL MEETING OF WORKING GROUP JAN 2016
EVIDENCE GATHERING FEB 2016 - SEPT 2016
GATHERING AND ANALYSIS OF DATA SEPT 2016 - DEC 2016
COMPLETION OF EVIDENCE GATHERING DEC 2016 - FEB 2017
PREPARATION OF FIRST DRAFT OF NP FEB 2017 - JUNE 2017
STATUTORY CONSULTATION: 6 WEEKS MID JUNE - END OF JULY 2017
REVIEW/AMENDMENT OF DRAFT NP JULY - SEPT 2017
AGREEMENT OF FINAL DRAFT—ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL OCT 2017
SUBMISSION TO EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL NOV 2017
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION DATE TO BE CONFIRMED
REFERENDUM DATE TO BE CONFIRMED PLAN ADOPTION DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

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The Housing Needs Assessment

The results from the consultation earlier in the year were displayed at the Parish Assembly in May. The two key issues that were raised with us during this process relate to local housing need and traffic/parking. We are therefore prioritising these two areas for further research.

At our meeting in July we met with a planning consultant who has helped to guide us with regards to the next phase. We need to carry out a detailed survey in order to investigate the issue of local housing more thoroughly. The current housing allocation within the East Staffordshire Local Plan will still need to be met but there is the opportunity for the community to have a say over what that allocation should look like in terms of housing type and design. We also have the opportunity if we wish to allocate additional housing if it is found that there is a need for a particular dwelling type within the community.

We can only really begin to answer these and other questions with regards to housing through the cooperation and input of the community so please make sure you fill out and return the housing needs survey questionnaire.

Returning your completed questionnaire

The questionnaire within this bulletin can be filled out and returned to any designated collection bucket. There are three located at:

- Wilson’s Butchers
- On The Green
- Cash Stores (Top Shop)

If additional copies are required then there are forms available at each of the drop off locations. Alternatively you can visit the website where a copy can be downloaded and e-mailed to the NDP group. You will find details of website and e-mail address on the front page.

East Staffordshire Neighbourhood Planning News

Abbots Bromley Parish is the 17th Neighbourhood Plan area to be designated by East Staffordshire Borough Council. A number of other parishes from across the Borough have had their plans successfully adopted following local referendum. These include Yoxall, Anslow, Branston and Rolleston-on-Dove amongst others. A number of other plans are coming forward and they include Denstone, Newborough and Uttoxeter Town.

The NDP group has been in the enviable position of being able to learn the lessons of others who have gone before. The experience of East Staffordshire Borough Council in this regard has been useful, as has visiting events that have been run by other Parishes. A number of the NDP group visited the recent consultation carried out by Denstone and key links have been made with that group. For further information please visit: http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans

Traffic and Parking

As well as housing you have raised with us the issue of traffic and parking within the village centre specifically. We are therefore in the process of pulling together some recent evidence and once this process is complete then we will present the findings.

We have spoken to Staffordshire County Council Highways and they are helping by providing some information. It’s clear that this is an issue that concerns many people, that was evident from the last consultation. It is also apparent that there are no easy solutions which is why we take an evidence based approach to looking at this. If you have any thoughts or interest in this or other areas then you can contact the group.

NDP News

Since the presentation at the Parish Assembly in May the group have been busy meeting with community groups, organisations and businesses from across the Parish.

We have now had initial discussions with both the schools in the village. Abbots Bromley school continues to develop and is going through the process of reviewing its estate. As part of this it has already sold off some buildings on the High Street and is looking at ways in which it might use other buildings differently. We are working closely with the school to ensure that changes are consulted upon and reflected through the NDP.

The Richard Clarke First School identified parking and access as a major concern. To try and find a solution the school is working towards an arrangement with local businesses to provide car parking space on a “park and walk” basis. It is hoped that this will be in place for the new school year beginning in September. This may help to alleviate congestion in this part of the village at peak times but would of course be dependent on the good will and common sense of parents. The school intends to set up a prize scheme in an attempt to incentivise parents to use the park and walk initiative.

Parish Walks

The group is aware that the plan will cover all of Abbots Bromley Parish and that therefore it is about more than just the village. Given the size of the Parish we have therefore decided to split the area up into “chunks” and will be visiting all areas over the course of the plan preparation and evidence gathering. We carried out such visits on Saturday 14th May and Friday 29th July. The group have found this process really useful so even if you live in a far flung corner of the Parish we will be visiting!