



THE PARISH OF NORTH NEWNTON BOTTLESFORD, HILCOTE AND NORTH NEWNTON Neighbourhood Plan

The Draft North Newnton Parish Neighbourhood Plan will be ready for consultation in the Spring of 2019

The Neighbourhood Plan has moved ahead since we last summarised our activities and we hope to have the Draft Neighbourhood Plan finished and ready to distribute to the parish for consultation in the Spring of 2019. Consultation means that everyone will have a chance to comment. Everyone living in the parish and anyone else who has an interest in the parish, for instance the AONB, will have six weeks in which to do that. The consultation period will begin with an open information meeting at the Village Hall and the consultation will be well-publicised, in order to make sure that everyone knows it is happening and has a chance to comment, if they wish.

A Draft North Newnton Parish Design Statement will be circulated for consultation at the same time as the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Meanwhile, a sub-group of the Steering Group has produced a Draft Design Statement for the parish, which will be offered for consultation (i.e. again any comments any one wants to make) at the same time as the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Draft Design Statement is a complete description of the buildings and landscape of the parish. It delineates what we hold dear and what we want to be sure endures. It provides guidance for anyone wishing to build on any land in the future. It recommends that anyone wishing to build should consult with the parish ie the Parish Council, at the outset, before taking any other steps, so that the parish is the first to hear of any plans. It protects our views and our open landscape and recommends building materials and architectural styles which fit with what is already here. It was adopted by the Parish Council, in a form subject to final changes, on 10 September 2018 and, in that form, is available on the parish website:www.nnpc.org.uk

The Wiltshire Council Housing Needs Survey Report

Wiltshire Council has conducted a Housing Needs Survey to determine how many units of social housing we will need in the parish in the next three years and the answer is: one. You may remember that the survey was distributed to every household late last year. It was in two parts: one for everybody, who wanted to reply, to give general information about their housing status; and a second part for people who wished to have social housing for themselves or their families. Wiltshire took this information, consulted their central lists to see whether anyone had registered centrally for housing in the parish and concluded, as noted, that one unit will be needed in the next three years. The Housing Needs Survey Report makes interesting reading and is available on the parish website, under the Neighbourhood Plan tab. www.nnpc.org.uk

The sites proposed for development in the parish

Last Spring (2018) the steering group and other village volunteers conducted a call for sites. Land owners who wished to propose their land for building on in the future were able to do so. The sites were assessed against objective criteria and the results were available for everyone to see at the well-attended annual Parish Meeting held this year, at The Seven Stars in Bottlesford, in May. Information about those sites, incorporating recommendations from Wiltshire Council and the

AONB, will soon be available on the parish website: www.nnpc.org.uk There are three sites in the settlement of North Newnton, south of the Rushall Road (and it is recommended that if these three are developed, they should be developed as one, allowing safe access and internal footpaths to, for instance, the bus stop); one in Hilcote, next door to Cassocks, and one Bottlesford, on the plot of land between Oak Tree Cottage and Field Cottage (Sunnyside).

Please let us know your thoughts

We produce these summaries of activity to keep everyone in the parish up-to-date with the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and to solicit your thoughts and comments. Please let us know what you think about the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and the related Design Statement. We welcome comments and enquiries about any aspect of either. Please write to chair@nnpc.org.uk or write in the space below and post or deliver the form to the Village Hall, Hilcote, SN9 6LE.

Regards,

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