

DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IS OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Deadline for comments: 23rd July 2014

The Parish Council has approved the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to commence its statutory 'pre-submission' consultation period (minimum 6-weeks) which ends on **23rd July**. All views and comments that you wish to put forward on the Draft Plan must be received by this date.

Where Can you See the Plan?

The draft Plan is available on website: www.loveden.org.uk/np

Printed copies of the draft Plan are available for viewing at:

Gelston:	Penny Milnes, Stoney Oak, Hough Road (01400 250855)
Hough on the Hill:	Jane Orchiston, Honeybee Cottage, Folly Lane (01400 250086)
Brandon:	Roger Kingscott, Brandon Hall, Hall Lane (01636 626207)

Members of the Neighbourhood Planning Project Team will also be available at Hough on the Hill Village Fete being held at **All Saints Church on Saturday 5th July from 2-5pm**

How do you Comment on the Plan?

- Use the email link on the above website
- Email direct to: houghpc@gmail.com
- Post to: NPPT, Jubilee Cottage, Thompson's Lane, off Lower Road, Hough on the Hill, Grantham NG32 2BB

What Happens after this Consultation?

All comments received by **23rd July** will be considered in finalising the Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to South Kesteven District Council, which will then appoint an **Independent Examiner**. If the Independent Examiner finds that the Plan is sound, the District Council will organise a **public referendum** for all registered voters within the Parish. A minimum of **50% of those voting must be in favour** of the Plan in order for it to be finally adopted as part of local planning policy for the determination of all future planning applications.

What's in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan?

The primary purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to set out a vision for the evolution and longterm sustainability of the Parish's historic and built environment, protecting its rural landscape character and guiding appropriate and sensitive future development.

The Plan covers the time period **2014 to 2026**.

The Planning Policies contained with the Neighbourhood Plan have been built around the core issues arising from the various consultations undertaken with residents of the Parish (including the findings and recommendations of the Landscape Character Assessment carried out in the Autumn of 2013), proposing that :

- The rural setting and landscape character of the Parish will be sustained and enhanced through policies designed to protect views and key features, promoting economic and recreational value and protecting heritage and conservation.
- Design guidance will promote sensitive change and enhancement to existing buildings and inform appropriate small scale development on brownfield sites.
- The importance of Loveden Hill, both historically and as a key feature in the landscape, will be recognised through its designation as a 'Local Green Space'.
- New leisure and recreational facilities will be supported for appropriate locations.
- Local renewable/low carbon energy schemes and community-led initiatives to generate energy, save energy and/or reduce energy costs will be encouraged, providing there is no visual intrusion into the area's historic or landscape character.
- The Parish Council will take forward actions on issues raised in consultation that lie outside the scope of planning, such as the condition and safety of local roads.
- The Plan will be reviewed at five-yearly intervals to ensure it remains up to date and compliant with national and local planning policy.

A Few Points to Remember:

The Neighbourhood Plan must be compliant with both existing national and local planning policy. Therefore the Draft Plan does not propose any more, or less, development than that currently set out in the South Kesteven District Council Local Plan. However the Draft Plan does make explicit the requirements to protect key historic and landscape features and views in the way that development (which covers new build, conversions and extensions) is designed.

For Any Enquiries:

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