

# Barrowden and Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan

## Report October 2016

The Neighbourhood Plan Group has been working on the eight topic areas which were identified as part of the consultation. During the summer months members of the Group wrote draft contributions for the plan based on the results of the questionnaire but also recognising input from the Village Design Statement and Parish Plan. The topic areas (with those involved) are as follows

Conservation – Jean Mitchell and Trina Griffith  
Our Environment – Michael Griffith  
Recreation and Leisure – Chris Barratt and Sara Barratt  
Housing – Gordon Brown and Emma Bettles  
Transport – David Allan  
Rural Economy – Gordon Brown and Emma Bettles  
Utilities – John Haddon and Michael Griffiths  
Healthcare – Trina Griffiths and Sue Pickwood  
Aims and Objectives and Introduction – Alison Last

Each draft was then incorporated into a standard document structure comprising objectives policies and evidence. It was also agreed for clarity that there would be three types of Policy within the Plan,

Planning Policies – these would be legally binding on Rutland CC  
Parish Policies – these are aspirational policies which the Parish Council/Meeting might wish to pursue  
Resident Policies – these would be aspirational policies where residents would lead supported by other bodies including the Parish Council/Meeting and Rutland CC amongst others

Resulting from that draft the NPG has identified that additional evidence will be required to allow the plan to be developed, in particular

Landscape character assessment - desktop study  
settlement character assessment - desktop study  
Housing needs assessment – requiring initial discussions with Rutland CC  
**Invitation for further consultation with significant stakeholders**

An invitation to tender is being developed to seek quotations for an external expert to challenge this initial draft plan and identify any inconsistencies or omissions relating to the results of the questionnaire, the local plan, or national planning policies. Funding will be sought from Locality for this work.

As part of the stakeholder engagement process, a meeting has been arranged with Burghley Estates to which the whole community will be invited. This meeting will provide an opportunity for Burghley to present their development plans for their whole estate and how this may be reflected in Barrowden and Wakerley. The meeting will take place in the village hall on Wednesday, 9 November at 7:30 PM.

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Alison Last indicated that for family reasons she is unable to continue as chair of the group. The group has approached Chris Emmett, the former county councillor for our local ward, to join the group and take on the role of chair. The group are pleased to advise that Chris is willing to take on that role and in doing so will be able to provide the leadership and experience required during the consultation and inspection phases of the Neighbourhood Plan

There is however one small matter with this appointment in that Chris Emmett's residence, while it has a boundary with Barrowden Parish, is actually in Morcott Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan Group therefore seek the approval of Barrowden Parish Council and Wakerley Parish Meeting to amend the terms of reference of the Neighbourhood Plan Group as follows

"Members must reside in **or have property bounding** one of the two parishes"

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan is Group is scheduled for 18th of October.