

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Dates for Barrowden & Wakerley

20 more houses in Barrowden by 2026? What size? Where will they be built?

The Barrowden and Wakerley NP Group would like to hear from all the residents of our two villages about what you believe the **Issues** are which affect Barrowden and what the **Options** might be to address them.

Bring along your thoughts and help us shape the future not only about housing but infrastructure, open spaces, trees, community facilities, social housing and more...

Wednesday 30th September 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Saturday 3rd October 10am - 4pm

in Barrowden Village Hall

Refreshments provided

Producing a Neighbourhood plan will enable us to have a clear say how our villages and the surrounding area develop in the coming years.

Missed the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Events? You can still comment...

Thanks to all of you who participated in the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation events at the village hall. Over 100 villagers from Barrowden and Wakerley attended and shared their views and issues about our key topics.

This was a great start to the process and we now move onto the next phases of analysing the information gathered, engaging key stakeholders, getting expert input as we build options, seek further views from you via a questionnaire, and then pull all this together for a further open consultation to develop the final Neighbourhood Plan.

If you missed either of the two consultation events, you can still comment on the topics by visiting the Neighbourhood Plan website at www.barrowdenpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning where the issues and questions from the consultation events have been posted. Also there are printed copies in the Community Shop or you can contact one of the NDP team (see names below) or email the team at neighbourhoodplan@barrowdenpc.org.uk

Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan focus on the physical development of the villages, a number of issues have been raised where there are existing routes through which they can be addressed, for example with the Parish Council, Rutland County Council, East Northants District Council, etc. The Neighbour Plan team will discuss these issues with the relevant bodies with a view to them being looked at in the short term rather than waiting for the Plan to be completed.

A record of the issues that have been raised along with their progress will be maintained as part of the Team's reporting procedure, which is currently developed.

Once again, thank you for your support - this provides us with an excellent foundation to move forward.

The Neighbourhood Plan Team

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Barrowden and Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan

June 2018 Update

Further substantial progress has been made since December 2017 when we gave you our last update.

Dedicated teamwork aided by our experienced local consultant turned our previously reported first draft into the interesting, readable, and illustrated pre-submission version document. We consulted with available members of the Barrowden Parish Council on 9th March and gained acceptance from the Wakerley Village Meeting on 12th March. Barrowden Parish Council unanimously endorsed the document at their meeting in March which enabled us to prepare for the distribution to residents, local stakeholders and other interested parties on the second weekend of April.

The consultation period ended on 25th/26th May and we are now reviewing all the responses. Once this has been completed they will be available for everyone to read on the Barrowden Parish Council Website. Any amendments will also be made known to Rutland County Council and East Northamptonshire District Council. The updated version will be named the Submission Version and will be submitted to Rutland County Council and East Northamptonshire District Council for endorsement. The document will be publicised for a six week consultation period before the appointment of an independent examiner in the autumn.

The examiner will receive representations and prepare a report indicating any changes that should be made. The report will also recommend whether the Plan should proceed to a village referendum.

Finally the County Councils will consider the report and may request more changes, before their endorsement of the Plan for villager referendum in 2019. Each household in Barrowden and Wakerley will be advised of the final version of the Plan prior to an official vote in Barrowden Village Hall.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group

June 2018

Barrowden and Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to make Barrowden and Wakerley an even better place to live, now and for future generations. It will cover a twenty year time period with a review every five years.

In line with the Rutland and East Northants Local Plans the Neighbourhood Plan process enables our community to better shape where we live, to inform how development takes place and to help influence the type, quality and location of that development, ensuring that change brings a local benefit.

The Barrowden and Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan reflects community wide comments, observations and concerns about its future. All policies and assertions contained therein must be backed up with robust evidence. The Plan is being produced by a group of village volunteers with the help of Rutland County Council working for the Barrowden Parish Council and Wakerley Parish Meeting. The process involves extensive research and is influenced by engagement with the local community. Additionally it provides an opportunity for the villages to have a real say over local decision making and will have a significant weight in the determination of planning applications.

Currently the group has produced the first draft of a Plan which has been vetted by an experienced local consultant. This document will be refined in line with his recommendations over the coming months before a further consultation with all residents. This will be followed by the final version being put to a referendum of electors in both villages in 2018. With majority support the Barrowden and Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan will then form part of Rutland County Councils and East Northants Local Plans. In addition it will become the starting point for deciding where development could take place taking into account the type and quality of the proposed development.

May 2017

Barrowden and Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan

December 2017 Update

Further substantial progress has been made since June when we gave a progress update and published the results of the March Consultation Event.

As previously reported our first draft of the Plan has been vetted by an experienced local consultant who produced a list of recommendations which would be helpful in meeting the higher standards now looked for by the Examiners.

At a meeting in June it was agreed that revisions were needed to the Development and Environment Sections. Also due to the special setting of Barrowden and Wakerley it was agreed that a Character and Landscape Assessment was required to support our Conservation Policy.

In August Rutland County Council produced their Local Draft Plan which went out to consultation in the County. Barrowden Parish Council gave a formal response and subsequently received replies to their questions.

Two Business Meetings were held in September when the Landscape and Character Assessment Document was received and further supported by a comprehensive History Supplement written by Linda Worrall. Further research was needed regarding archaeology to underpin both documents. Version two of the Plan has been produced including added background information and a short portrait of the area. Thoughts also turned to the next stage of obtaining professional expertise in finalising the Plan in order to meet readability for the Residents and inspection acceptability by the Examiner.

At the November Meeting we received feedback on Version 2 of the Plan from Rutland County Council which would be addressed when the Consultant finalises the Plan. We also selected the Consultant from the tender process to prepare the Pre-submission version of the Plan which is planned to be issued in the first quarter of 2018 to residents and statutory authorities. A funding application to Locality has been made to meet the costs involved with this stage of the process and a meeting with Mike Haybyrne, the confirmed Consultant, will be held prior to Christmas.

Once issued the consultation process on the Pre-submission Plan will last for a period of six weeks when we will seek feedback from residents and the statutory authorities such as Rutland County Council, the Environment Agency, English Heritage, Natural England etc. After this part of the process has taken place, probably in the Spring, we will consult again with Rutland County Council. This will last for another six weeks which will then lead to the Plan going before the Examiner in the Autumn. At the final stage each household will receive a copy of the final version ready for a referendum of all Residents to be held at the end of 2018 in Barrowden Village Hall.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Thank you for your interest in this important project.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group

December 2017

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, the NP group would like to invite villagers to hear a presentation by

David Pennell, Estate Director at
Burghley Estate, Stamford

Burghley Estate is a significant stakeholder in Barrowden and Wakerley owning ? properties in the two villages, as well as land in the area.

Come and listen to David Pennell's talk about the work Burghley Estate is undertaking at present in Stamford and the surrounding villages and their plans for the future.

Barrowden Village Hall
Wednesday 9th November

David Pennell, Estate Director at Burghley Estate gave an interesting presentation to villagers on the 9th November. Burghley is a significant stakeholder in both Barrowden and Wakerley and about 45 residents listened to the history of Burghley House, its parkland and the estate properties and its plans for the future. The aims of the Burghley Trust, who David works for, is to preserve and maintain the house and the estate and to promote education about it.

Preservation and maintenance of the estate is a commercial enterprise and they employ about 100 people. Their income is through visitors to Burghley House, events using the grounds (including the horse trials), rent from properties, quarrying, agriculture and building and development of property on suitable land. Recent years have seen significant refurbishment of Burghley House and the trustees are now looking at the rest of the estate. They are mindful of developing properties that are sustainable, attractive and in keeping with the surrounding architecture. They are very involved with Stamford and its work on a Neighbourhood Development Plan which will have its first consultation in March 2017. Stamford needs to build 2000 new homes.

Welland Farm site, on main street in Barrowden, has permission for six houses and the estate would like these to be larger properties. As a compromise they may look at smaller units on another site in the future. On suitable development sites they like to retain some properties for rental to increase their property portfolio. Nothing is planned on the Welland Farm site for at least two years as the large new development in Stamford on the old football ground is currently their main construction priority.

David stressed that they want to work with local people to develop their communities in ways that are acceptable to everyone. David answered questions from the floor that included village representation when planning new builds - yes; Maintaining good quality

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Having evaluated the tender returns, and with our grant application being approved, we are in the process of confirming the appointment of a consultant who will review our documentation prepared so far. Once completed he will produce a report which will take us on to the next stage in the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. With this significant progress having been made we will be on track to hold our next planned Consultation Sessions, informing villagers of important issues and possible options. These are to be held on the evening of Friday March 17th and the morning of Saturday March 18th. These events will be supported with a summary paper which will be delivered to every household in Barrowden and Wakerley. Every household will be given the opportunity to respond in the same way as they did with the questionnaire.

At our next meeting on February 6th we will finalise the detail of the Issues and Options Paper and plan the Consultation Sessions. We will publish a reminder in the March Edition of the Parish Magazine.

Neighbourhood Plan Group