



Rolleston Needs You!

Rolleston's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Newsletter

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Overview

We urgently need your views following the Parish Council's village meeting in October...

- Our village needs a Neighbourhood Development Plan which will summarise the views of the local community in terms of:
 - Development** – how much housing, offices, factories, shops, leisure facilities are required.
 - Infrastructure** – green open spaces, play facilities, surgeries, schools, etc.
- All development should be sustainable within the local area.
- The Government passed the Localism Bill in November. It means that approved Neighbourhood Development Plans are protected by law and have to be taken into consideration.
- East Staffordshire requires an additional 13,000 dwellings.

What Has Been Achieved Already

- Villagers took part in the public meeting in October 2011
- Steering Committee have undertaken background research & liaised with a neighbourhood planning consultant
- Applied for a government grant to fund the development of our neighbourhood plan

How Can You Help Now?



- Come along to one of our events in January to tell us what you want to be included in the neighbourhood plan (details on the back of this newsletter)
- Talk to us when we visit village groups / email us. We want & need your views.
- Tell us how you would prefer to complete the questionnaire (by post, online, in your home via door to door, or at a village event)
- Complete the village questionnaire and return it to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
- Read the draft Neighbourhood Plan (April / May 2012)
- Vote in the referendum

The Problem Rolleston on Dove Faces

- Currently our village is vulnerable to:
 - Being classified as a 'strategic village' (definition unknown).
 - At least an additional 50 – 150+ houses could be built in the near future on our green spaces (applications currently coming in).
 - A threat to the viability of John of Rolleston primary school due to the proposed development of 325 house & school off Rolleston Road.

The Village Plan ~ Current Situation

- The Neighbourhood Development Plan needs to be completed and submitted to the Borough Council by May 2012 (*this date has been targeted by the Steering Committee in order to try to get in early to protect our village*).
- We need the views of the village community as the Plan needs to reflect the views of the entire village. We propose to do this via a village questionnaire – more details to follow shortly once you have told us what is important to you & how you want the future of the village to look. You will then be asked to vote in the village referendum.

Next Steps

- Please support us by coming along and sharing your views with us. **Let us know what you want the future of our village to look like.**
- See the back of this newsletter for more details.

Your Views Count ~ Please Get In Touch

- **Email:** nprolleston@gmail.com
- **Via the village website:** www.rolleston.org.uk
- **Facebook:** coming soon
- **Write to:** Martina Thorp 07970447553, Rolleston on Dove
- **In person:** attend one of our events during January 2012.