



Rolleston on Dove's Village Overview

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 2011. This means approved Neighbourhood Development Plans are protected by law and have to be taken into consideration.
- East Staffs **think** they require an additional 13,000 dwellings.

Current Concerns

- A representative for Burton College met with the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 16th January 2012 to advise that they plan to submit a planning application to build approximately **120 homes** (a combination of 2, 2 ½ & 3 storey houses) **on the College Fields** off Forest School Street.
- A planning application has been submitted to build approximately **23 homes off Meadow View**.
- If both developments gain planning permission it would mean an additional **143+ homes for the village**.
- Currently the village does not have a Neighbourhood Plan in place so it leaves us open to planning applications (as other villages are also finding). The Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are in the process of writing to a number of bodies stating the planning applications are premature. **The village should be given time to understand how villagers want the future of the village to look like. Therefore we still need your views and support.**

What Has Been Achieved Since Our Last Newsletter

- A huge **thank you** to everyone who came to talk to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group outside Starbucks, Church & at a number of village groups during January. Your comments are currently being collated for the questionnaire.
- Key feedback so far (and it is early days) seems to focus on:
 - ~ Any development should retain the character of the village.
 - ~ Concern regarding volume of traffic & the need to retain a buffer of open space around the village to continue its semi-rural feel and not become a conurbation of Burton.
 - ~ A lot of comments have been received regarding the need for green space, education, village facilities & leisure provision within the village.

The Village Plan & Next Steps ~ A Reminder

- 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. You will then be asked to vote in the village referendum.
- **Please continue to support us by sharing your views with us. Let us know what you want the future of our village to look like.**

Your Views Count ~ Please Get In Touch

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