

HOUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

PRESENTATION – SATURDAY 2ND MARCH

Houghton Village Hall

20 villagers attended the presentation from the Houghton NDP Steering Group

The chairman of the NDP Steering Group, Alan Young, introduced the presentation.

Sue Otten and Llyn Adams presented the findings of the Village Questionnaire, the Housing Survey conducted by Action Hampshire and the Traffic Survey carried out by HCC. It was explained that all the surveys were available in full on the Parish Council website.

The following question was put to the Steering Group

- Q. Isn't the protection of green spaces taken care of in the settlement boundary?
- A. Settlement Boundary identifies the areas where development is permitted but does not necessarily protect green spaces.

Alan asked for volunteers to join the working groups. However, no interest was expressed

PRESENTATION – MONDAY 4TH MARCH

22 villagers attended. Representatives from TVBC were present, including, Sarah Hughes, Neighbourhood Planning Officer (Delivery)

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Sue Otten and Llyn Adams presented the findings of the Village Questionnaire, the Housing Survey conducted by Action Hampshire and the Traffic Survey carried out by HCC. It was explained that all the surveys were available in full on the Parish Council website.

Sarah Hughes gave a brief explanation of the process:

Working groups further develop the issues, visions, aims and objectives in order to formulate the policies from the results of the surveys and further research.

There is then a pre-submission consultation (Reg 14). TVBC provide a list of consultees.

The plan is then submitted to TVBC. On receipt, TVBC publicise the proposed plan and ask for representations. (Reg 16).

The plan is then sent to the independent examiner.

A referendum is then held. 50% of voters must approve the NDP.

Sarah explained that a lot of the work will have already been done when preparing the Village Design Statement. Policies could be lifted from the VDS and put into NDP policies.

Policies need to achieve the vision and objectives

The following questions were asked:

Q. Will the NDP actually carry any weight?

A. It will be a planning document with policies that must be adhered to

Q. Why are the visions and objectives so vague.

A. The working groups will further define the visions and objectives to reach in order to decide on policies

There were a lot of comments about the lack of affordable housing in the village

Several people expressed an Interest in joining working groups:-