

# Our Quest for a Neighbourhood Plan:

## Pre-Submission Plan finalised.



If the weather is getting you down, take our Neighbourhood Plan as a little ray of sunshine in the gloom!

### Progress since last Report

- 1 We've been working through all the comments from the consultation process to ensure that we address all the issues / questions raised. This has been a long protracted process, indeed as I mentioned last month, some of the comments raised have been rather complicated.
- 2 Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) commented very fully and helpfully regarding us meeting the needs of their upcoming Local Plan. We found that rather tricky as the CBC Local Plan is a draft version and will probably not be adopted until 2022, during which time it could change. I arranged to meet with the CBC Planning team, along with our consultant Colin Wilkinson and our Queniborough Parish Council (QPC) Chair, Steve Wright. Prior to the meeting I met with Daniel Grimley our CBC Councillor whose advice was really helpful (Thanks Dan). I found the meeting with CBC really productive; we all wanted to move the process on and after a couple of hours we had all agreed a way forward.
- 3 Colin Wilkinson then drafted responses for **all** the comments we'd received on the draft Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan. He also suggested amendments to the Plan where he believed appropriate. This provided us with a potentially final (Pre-Submission) version of Queniborough's Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4 All the original representations on the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan were available to the Steering Group. Final tweaks were made and the Group agreed to the amendments that Colin should make.

### Next Steps

- Colin has now taken away the document with all its notes and amendments and will produce a pristine final version for final approval at our meeting in April. Subject to that approval happening this will then be Queniborough's Neighbourhood Plan. It will then be presented to the QPC for their approval and they, as sponsors, will submit Queniborough's Neighbourhood Plan to CBC.
- That is when we can stand down for a while as CBC will take over the next stages of the process. That includes their own 6 week public consultation before it goes to the Independent Examiner for their comments. If all goes well it will then go to a village referendum for your approval. Once that happens our Plan will be in place and inviolable (until we need to change it of course!).
- Finally, on an administration point, we have to apply for the final tranche of funding to enable us to complete the process.

Keep everything crossed; we're nearing the finishing line.

### To ensure that you're up to speed on progress and that this is a transparent process -

All QNP agendas and minutes and a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan together with the comments form can be found on the Parish Council Website which you can access via this address: <https://www.queniboroughpc.org.uk/>

If you would like to keep more up-to-date with our progress and be added to our interested parties list please send your contact details to [pambcjljones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pambcjljones@yahoo.co.uk).

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