

Queniborough's Quest for a Neighbourhood Plan Continues

Queniborough – Remains a village under threat



One of the three new potential developments for Queniborough has already become a reality. A formal Planning Application has now been made by David Wilson to develop **150 Houses on Barkby Road**. The reference on the Charnwood Borough Council Planning Website is: **Ref P/18/0309/2 N.B. this is a new reference number**. So, even if you have written before you need now to **formally** write to give your views on the new application.

Email your comments to development.control@charnwood.gov.uk (don't forget to quote the application number, along with your name and address) or write to the Charnwood Borough Council Leader Mr Jonathan Morgan, Council Leader, Charnwood Borough Council, 21 Stanford Lane, Loughborough, LE12 5TW. Letters to our Parish and Borough councillors and Ed Argar, our MP, may also be merited.

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We have completed the first tranche of work and sent our 'end of grant' submission form to our grant provider. We are now applying to the lottery for the second tranche of money which will provide funding for the second part of the work.

Although it is not a planning issue in its own right, traffic will play a large part in our Neighbourhood Plan so we are investigating the need to employ a traffic consultant to provide us with expertise and evidence in this area.

Where does the Queniborough Neighbourhood Plan sit in the overall planning process?

Currently, at the top of the planning framework is a National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), underneath which is the Charnwood Borough County (CBC) Local Plan (in play from 2011 – 2028), our Neighbourhood Plan sits beneath this and must conform to the policies in the documents sitting above.

Another plan currently under development is the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan ((LLSGP) which is looking at planning until 2036). This will sit in-between the NPPF and CBC's Local Plan.

We are currently preparing our NP to fit into the current system. We could prepare our NP to cater for the new LLSGP (which is not yet ratified) but this would take more time and we couldn't be certain what will be in the new LLSGP. We agreed that we would produce our NP to cater for the current situation and then amend our NP if necessary to fit with the new LLSGP when it is ready.

When will our NP have teeth?

Our NP gains weight as it goes through the process. It currently has no weight but becomes material when it is a 'pre-submission plan'. Once it passes examination, planners start to take notice of the content and after the referendum (if successful) it will become part of the planning process.

What are our next steps?

- Set up the working groups to home in on Queniborough's key concerns based on the output from the Community and Stakeholder consultation sessions.
- Develop and issue a community questionnaire (using the output from the workgroups).
- Develop a questionnaire specifically for Queniborough businesses.

So you can see we still have a lot of work to do.

All our documents including RCC's reports and the minutes of our meetings are available on the Parish Council's website under <http://www.queniboroughpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html> . Please have a look.

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