

# Our Quest for a Neighbourhood Plan:

## Consultation concluded



Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a great Christmas.

### Progress since last Month

- 1 I'm pleased to say that the statutory six week consultation process was completed on the ninth of December.
- 2 During that period we held three drop-in sessions to enable people to read the draft Neighbourhood Plan and to discuss it with members of the team.
- 3 We had 421 hits on our website during the consultation period and received written comments from residents and statutory consultees.

### Next Steps

- We have now started the task of analysing all the comments received. This will be no mean feat as there are 49 pages of comments that we have to discuss and most importantly, answer.
- One particular comment which has caused us to take a breath is from the Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) Planning team. They have indicated that we should 'forward proof' our Neighbourhood Plan and take account of the Housing allocations for Queniborough in their draft Local Plan which will come into being over the next couple of years.
- We have arranged to see the CBC Planning Officers to discuss this with them and get some clarification.

### Possible Consequences

- We are hoping that we can complete our current version of the Neighbourhood Plan as it is (after taking notice of the comments) and send it to the Independent Examiner and then, if it passes muster, ask CBC to send it to Referendum here in Queniborough. We can then update our Plan when the CBC Local Plan comes into force.
- If we do have to acknowledge their projected figures in this version of our plan it will mean increasing the housing stock figures.
- After the meeting with CBC I'll update you on progress.

### Keep up to date with our progress

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.queniboroughnpc.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 [pambelljones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pambelljones@yahoo.co.uk).

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