



SHELFORD AND STAPLEFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The meeting on 5 October was well attended – nearly 60 people including representatives from other parishes and authorities wanting to know where we were and benefit from our start-up. They did benefit and it was a useful dialogue for everyone.

What have we done so far? These bullet points show that the steering group has:

- Defined region and applied for recognition with SCDC
- Done consultation work with all stake holders at village shows, through letters to business in the widest context and through general conversations
- Addressed the design of a website
- Used social media to inform communities.

It was very gratifying to hear from Bridget Smith of Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan that what we have done mirrors much of their work and also areas of concentration. She was warmly applauded for her contribution and rightly so and all were grateful to her for giving her time to us.

From the previous meetings and consultations 4 broad key aspects have arisen -

- Green belt – address its erosion and look to our landscape, how we access green areas and the overall sustainable environment.
- Infrastructure – transport, parking, buses, cycle routes, recreational facilities, social facilities, health services, community facilities, shopping, business opportunities
- Development - specific areas in the villages with scope to secure design improvements to proposed developments
- Housing development and especially Affordable housing needs specifically for those with local connections who can be provided for on exception sites.

Members of the community were asked to join the aspect of their choice to initiate discussion with the 4 volunteer collators and some real concerns were considered. The next steps are for these key players to arrange for their groups to meet and begin to consider formulating a questionnaire. It may be that the groups will have to be even further devolved to accommodate all of the work and interests. Life changes.

Please get involved. It is your community. You will have to be involved because before the plan can be ratified and become part of the overall planning evidence for our community there has to be a referendum. Yes, we have to hold one to see if you agree.

If you could not attend the meeting but are really interested then please contact one of the following people:

Need details of collators and also add steering group

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