

Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to our June Neighbourhood Plan update. We have made good progress despite the continuing constraints. Here is an update on the progress that's been made:-

Reminder of what the Neighbourhood Plan is and how it can help our Parish with regard to planning matters:

The Neighbourhood Plan guides:-

1. Where new development is preferred by the community
2. While ensuring the unique characteristics & landscape setting of the village is maintained
3. Enabling the protection and improvement of vital services & facilities appropriate for a village of the settlement's size and location.

It contains planning policies which, when the Plan is complete, **crucially**, will be used as a starting point for consideration of planning applications. It is a powerful tool in deciding planning matters.

By engaging in this process, we will retain some control over future development of the parish. IT IS NOT A MEANS TO PREVENT DEVELOPMENT. It does mean that if the community feel a site submitted on the Joint Local plan is not sustainable and i) we have an alternative site, ii) we can produce evidence to argue for a more sustainable site then we have a good chance of influencing where development takes place. We also focus on other aspects such as infrastructure & community facilities that will benefit the parish.

What stage are we at now?

We have completed our site & landscape assessments and documented the green spaces within the parish. This information is feeding into the final draft of the neighbourhood plan (its looking good 😊). We are aiming to start the 6-week parishioner consultation in Aug'21. Hopefully by this stage we will be able to have another exhibition in the Tithe Barn for everyone to take a look at the plan, ask any questions. Your comments will then feed into the final version of the plan prior to submission to Babergh District Council.

Thanks for your support and patience as we try to make progress despite the restrictions imposed on us by Covid-19. We would be delighted to hear from you with any questions, suggestions or comments about our Neighbourhood Plan (email address and phone number at the top of the page).