

Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan

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Welcome to our October Neighbourhood Plan update. As we've said before, despite Covid we are continuing to make progress with the plan, but the government restrictions still mean for the time being at least we will have to continue to update you via leaflets like this one. Here is an update on the progress that's been made:-

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

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The Neighbourhood Plan:

1. Guides where new development is preferred by the community
2. Ensures that the unique characteristics and landscape setting of the village is maintained
3. Enables the protection and improvement of vital services and facilities appropriate for a village of the settlement's size and location.

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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.

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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, however, that if the community feels a site submitted on the Joint Local plan is not sustainable and we have an alternative site, and we can produce evidence to argue for a more sustainable site, we can then influence where development takes place.

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What stage are we at now?

We have had confirmation that we are eligible for free technical support from the Government Neighbourhood Support scheme & this means a company will produce 3 of the main documents that gather evidence. These are Site assessments, Design Codes and the Housing Needs assessment.

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- We use these documents and others to produce the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Our first draft plan will be produced early in 2021.
- We are aiming to complete the Neighbourhood Plan by late autumn 2021.
- We have engaged with Sproughton School to survey what the children think about development and the future of housing in Sproughton. There is also a colouring competition. Look out for the winners in our next update.

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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).

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Sproughton Parish Council

Planning Update

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Dear Parishioners

Pigeon/Burstall Lane DC/19/00567

Despite great efforts from the Sproughton Working Group the Parish Council and 335 objections, the decision of the Babergh planning committee was in favour of the development by a vote of 6 for to 5 against. An article about the outcome was published in the local press. Despite this decision we will still need to prepare to make sure the upcoming detailed applications follows what has been approved at outline and to ensure Pigeon/Felix Thornley Cobbold Trust meet their obligations. Pigeon have put forward land for a village carpark and community space in their application. Please forward any suggestions you think the community space could be used for to sproughtonpc@gmail.com e.g. village hall, park, community orchard etc. Your suggestions will be put to the parish for a vote & then put to the developer.

Hopkins Homes/Lorraine Way, 49 Dwellings

The developer has appealed against the refusal and the planning inspector is hearing the appeal on 1st December. Babergh District Council will make representations to uphold the decision against the development. Comments will also be put forward by the Parish Council who will be attending the hearing – we are working on our statement.

Taylor Wimpey/Wolsey Grange Phase 2

Taylor Wimpey are planning to submit the application for Phase 2 in November – we may not have much time for comment but will ask for an extension as the updated Joint Local Plan is also coming out at this time – there will be hundreds of pages to read, assess and comment on. The plans include building a further 750 dwellings in the Chantry Vale area phased over several years. Further details are on the website www.sproughton.onesuffolk.net/news. If you are interested in joining a working group to review the application and put together a parish response, please contact our parish clerk (see top of page for contact details).

Babergh Joint Local Plan

The updated JLP is due to be published in November. This will contain details of housing numbers and prospective sites for the parish – we will learn if any more sites have been allocated. Again, this will need to be reviewed so that we can put forward our views to the planning inspector which is the next stage of the process. If you are interested in joining a working group to review the application and put together a parish response, please contact our parish clerk.

New Parish Council Members

The council welcomes anyone who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Full meetings are once a month with planning twice a month. These are currently online with Zoom. Any other offers of help are much appreciated.

Keep up to date on this and other planning matter on our website

<http://sproughton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/>