



Starston Neighbourhood Plan—Update

The Starston Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led document for guiding future development within the parish. It is about the use and development of land over the next 20 years.

When finalised, (and subject to a Referendum) the Neighbourhood Plan policies may be used, in conjunction with policies in the Greater Norwich Local Plan and National Policy Planning Framework, to form the basis for the determination of planning applications. Policies exist to:

Provide clarity on what will be expected from a development proposal (e.g. where it will go and what it will look like).

Give residents confidence in how the area will look in the future.

Ensure that the impact of development is anticipated and minimised.

Many thanks to all those who came to the ideas workshop on 27th April or commented online. The Steering Group has drafted policy ideas, which were presented at this event, based on feedback from stakeholder meetings (see village website) and the public consultation held in November 2018.

A survey was recently delivered, to every household, requesting comments on where Settlement Boundaries should be. The responses were the basis of a number of options for new Settlement Boundaries, which were presented at the workshop on 27th April.

A ‘Settlement Boundary’ is a line drawn on a parish map showing where new development (housing or business use) might take place. Anything outside of the line is considered ‘open countryside’. At the moment the lines are drawn so tightly that Starston is unlikely to achieve any development.

What happens next?

The Steering Group will be working over the summer to draw up policies for Starston, assessing any further options based on all the consultation with residents, to date, and the following criteria:

Not too big an area, we are looking at no more than circa 20 houses over 20 years across the village

Not too small an area, incorporating a number of properties/pieces of land that create a ‘settlement’

All new development within existing residential curtilage

Avoiding encroachment into open countryside or “ribbon development”

Consideration of environmental, economic and social impacts

Proximity to Local Green Space and Heritage Assets

The Steering Group will also be taking advice from South Norfolk Council and will then draft the Neighbourhood Plan. We hope to consult on the draft Plan in September/October this year.

For all information on the Starston Neighbourhood Plan, contact Rachel Leggett, our independent project support for the Neighbourhood Plan at startstonplan@gmail.com or visit: <http://starstonvillage.co.uk/starston/neighbourhood-plan>