

# Newsletter

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE

### Message from our Chairman, Sandy Gwinn-Freemantle

Dear Resident

Welcome to this special edition of the newsletter. The purpose is to inform you about progress to date on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and to outline the next steps.

To remind you of the background, Stapeley & District Parish Council set up a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, comprising parish councillors and volunteers. The Steering Group is overseeing the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we hope that you will have also received the questionnaires which have been hand-delivered by parish councillors and volunteers.

This second round of consultation is a key part of the process as this allows everyone in the parish to have their say; the responses will determine the contents of the Plan.

The deadline for completion is Monday, 30 March 2015 and this newsletter serves as a reminder to residents, but also emphasises the importance of the process.

I am delighted to take this opportunity to announce that Eric Pickles, Secretary of State, has dismissed both of the Muller Appeals and this augurs well for the Neighbourhood Plan which will allow us to have significant influence on future planning in the parish.

There are five stages in creating a Neighbourhood Plan:

- (1) Neighbourhood area designation
- (2) Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan
- (3) Independent examination
- 4) Referendum
- (5) The Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' (ie. adopted by the Borough Council)

We are making good progress and hope to complete the whole project by the end of 2015.

This is important for the community and will help us all to decide how we want our parish to develop over the next 15-20 years. It is a significant project which needs your support.

*Sandy Gwinn-Freemantle*

Chairman of the Parish Council

### Steering Group

**Comprising 10 Members, of which  
five are parish councillors**

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Batherton**  
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Plan

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Completed questionnaires can be left in the drop-boxes which are located at the Co-op, Pear Tree, Stapeley Broad Lane and Brine Leas schools, Stapeley House, Cronkinson Farm pub, Clarendon Court Care Home, Parklands Day Nursery and Funky Monkey Café. There is also a drop-box in Stapeley Community Hall but as the hall is only open during regular bookings, this is not a preferred location unless you are participating in one of the classes. Additional copies of the questionnaire can be downloaded from [stapeley.org.uk](http://stapeley.org.uk), and additional paper copies can be collected from the above locations.

The questions have been grouped into the following five main themes:

**Housing**

**Community**

**Amenities and Well-being**

**Transport Infrastructure**

**Green Spaces, Natural Habitats and Countryside**

## DATE TO NOTE!

Saturday, 28 March 2015

'Drop-in' Day at Stapeley Community Hall, 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Parish councillors and volunteer members of the Steering Group will be available to respond to any queries you have. You will also be able to hand-in your completed questionnaire if not already returned via the drop-boxes.

## KEY MILESTONES

The Steering Group has a sound project plan in place and is committed to completing the Plan by the end of 2015.

The following are the key milestones:

- March 2015 Analysis of results of second round of consultation to establish if the visions from the first consultation are still supported.
- April Prepare draft Neighbourhood Plan
- 21 May Parish meeting to present the draft Neighbourhood Plan to residents.
- June Draft Plan to be subject to 6 weeks' public consultation.
- August Following consultation, the draft Plan will be revised if necessary.
- September The draft Plan will be submitted to Cheshire East Council which will subject it to a 6-week publicity period and during this period will appoint an Independent Examiner.
- November The Independent Examiner will review the plan and has the following options:
  1. The draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) proceeds to referendum as submitted;
  2. The NP be modified to meet basic conditions and the modified version proceeds to referendum; or
  3. The NP does not proceed to referendum.
- December 2015 The Borough Council will arrange a referendum. If more than 50% of those voting are in favour of the Plan, it must be adopted by Cheshire East Council.



The Neighbourhood Plan is being led by the Parish Council. In addition to the Steering Group Members, you can telephone any of the other parish councillors

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