



Barwick-in-Elmet and Scholes Parish Council

Special Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter - October 2020



Message from the Chair

Chair of the Parish Council – Councillor Phil Maude

Dear Resident

You may already be aware that our Parish has a Neighbourhood Development Plan; recently, however, there have been significant changes to the boundaries of our Parish.

In Planning terms these changes require that our 'Designated' area be updated.

Our Parish has increased in area by 69 hectares and includes some of the new houses in the East Leeds Extension. This means that the new residents, who now come within our parish, need to be fairly represented.

Your Parish Council recognises the need to review the Neighbourhood plan taking into account any changes, which will affect the Parish's communities. With this in mind the starting point of the review will be to commission a Steering Group that will establish what changes are required.

Once the Steering Group is commissioned your Parish Council will prepare a Plan that will, in due course, be the subject of a public consultation so that everyone's views are taken into account.

The Parish needs a robust plan that meets the challenges of sustainability, having regard to environmental, economic and social factors.

This Parish must create a plan that will inform, advise and guide all planning applications for at least the next five years.

In parallel with the above there have also been changes in Planning guidance - and more changes are expected given recent announcements by Central Government of modifications to the planning system.

Also, the removal by the High Court of the proposed Green Belt allocated for house building by Leeds City Council is likely to result in new sites being identified as well as sites currently reserved for future development - known as Protected Areas of Search (PAS) - being released earlier than envisaged.

Parishioner volunteers – how you can help in this process

This Newsletter seeks volunteers who are prepared to join our steering group.

The tasks of the steering group will be:

- To promote the revised plan as a document produced by residents for their villages with your Parish Council acting as an enabler and conduit through which ideas can be discussed;
- To formulate questions to residents for preliminary views on some key issues;
- To work with your Parish Council and with Leeds City Council in preparing what will be an extensive document.

This is an exciting opportunity for all of us. As a resident you can volunteer to work with your Parish Council and with Leeds City Council drawing up this plan to enhance our beautiful villages and ensure all house building and changes achieve precisely this.

This is your opportunity to help make a difference

If you would like to become involved with the steering group, please send your name and contact details to the Clerk – email: clerkLS154@btinternet.com or telephone 0113 3935861.

Alternatively email Phil Maude, the chair of the Parish Council: philm.bspc@gmail.com

[Cllr Phil Maude](#)

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