Lubemham Neighbourhood Plan

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1.1. Lubenham Parish Council resolved to undertake the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish at its meeting on 24th October 2011 in order to allow residents and business owners an opportunity to plan and influence any future growth within the Parish. Neighbourhood planning provides an opportunity for the community to have a real say over local decision making; to achieve its long-standing goals through the planning system and address the challenges and opportunities facing the Parish.

1.2. Lubenham Parish Council ‘the qualifying body’ for the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan applied, through Harborough District Council in October 2011, and was put forward by them to be a part of the Government Neighbourhood Plan frontrunner pilot scheme.

1.3. The Boundary of the Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan Area corresponds to the Parish Boundary – see Map 1 below and includes all parts of the settlement; the Lubenham village settlement, Gartree, Bramfield and Greenacres (see individual settlement maps on Map 1a)

Map 1 – The Lubenham Neighbourhood Area

1.4. The whole parish of Lubenham was formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area through an application made to Harborough district Council by Lubenham Parish

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Council on 5 July 2012 under Part 2, Section 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

1.5. The Neighbourhood Plan area was officially approved by Harborough District Council on June 10th 2013, following a 6 week period of public consultation as required within Part 2, Section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

1.6. A large part of the Market Harborough Strategic Development Area (SDA) falls within Lubenham Parish and a division of responsibility relating to the SDA, proposed by Harborough District Council, was agreed by Lubenham Parish Council at its meeting on March 11th 2013. This is recorded at minute number 1779 of the minutes of the March 2013 Parish Council meeting.

‘Lubenham Parish Council agrees that the division of responsibility for the Neighbourhood Plan area that lies within its Parish is as defined below.

The District wide Local Plan (Core Strategy and Key Allocations) prepared by the District Council setting out:
- Strategic policy for Market Harborough and SDA;
- Allocation of land for Development of SDA as a Core Strategic Site;
This will mean that the development area is identified on an Ordnance Survey map appended to the Local Plan with broad areas identified for the location of schools, local shopping, community uses and open spaces and showing road access points. It will be accompanied by a policy statement providing the Local Plan policy (updating Core Strategy policy 13).
This will be at a broad strategic level - with detailed policies to be formulated in the Lubenham Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Infrastructure requirements and transport mitigations;
- The Lubenham Neighbourhood plan will identify additional local traffic management measures within the parish.
- Confirmation of dwelling capacity and employment capacity;
- Housing delivery over period 2011-2031; and
- of housing and provision of through link road.

The Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan will complement Local Plan policies for the SDA by setting out local policy such as:
- Character of SDA development in Parish;
- Design of housing and open spaces;
- Landscaping – strategic and local issues;
- Area of Separation definition;
- Policy for Showground; and
- Policy for Green Acres.

It is also agreed that Lubenham Parish Council will be included in decision making and benefits in regard to any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), or its equivalent that is relevant to the SDA area that lies within the Parish. Details of which have yet to be defined.’
(source HDC website and LPC minutes)
1.7. Lubenham Parish is made up of 4 settlements Lubenham Village situated on the Main A 4304, Bramfield, a mobile home Park, situated between Lubenham village and Theddingworth, Gartree an estate of almost 100 homes situated next to Gartree Prison and Greenacres a Gypsy and Traveller site situated on the B6047. There are also some outlying dwellings and farms. See plans below.

1.8. At the time of writing (according to the 2011 census), 1,735 people (includes inmates of Gartree Prison) live in 475 households in Lubenham Parish (780 people Lubenham Village only) of these:

- 76.9% are owner occupied
- 9.7% social rented
- 2.76% rented from the council
- 10.1% private rented
- 1.1% living rent free
There are approximately 185 children under 16 and 205 people over 65. There are just over 1300 working age adults, 20 lone parent families and 50 single pensioner households.

Further details of the population are shown in the Lubenham Character Statement at Appendix 3 and Rural Place Profiles Appendix CH 1a and CH1b.