



TUR LANGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT

9 July 2015

CONSULTATION RESULTS



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1. Background

a) Project Brief

Yourlocale was commissioned by Tur Langton Parish Council to assist in the delivery of a drop-in event on Neighbourhood Planning on 9 July 2015. The event took place between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the Crown Public House in the village.

The aim of this event was to help inform the community on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and to advise residents and stakeholders of the emerging policy areas that the Neighbourhood Plan hopes to impact upon – including Local Green Space and environment; heritage; community facilities and services; traffic and transport; housing and design; business and leisure.

b) Publicity

The drop-in event was promoted in a variety of ways:

- Leaflets and flyers were produced and circulated through the Parish and left in public places (i.e. the pub and on notice boards)
- Letters were sent to stakeholders
- Parish Councillors promoted the event through local contacts
- The Parish Council web-site publicised the event and the Neighbourhood Plan in general
- The Community newsletter ran an article about the consultation.



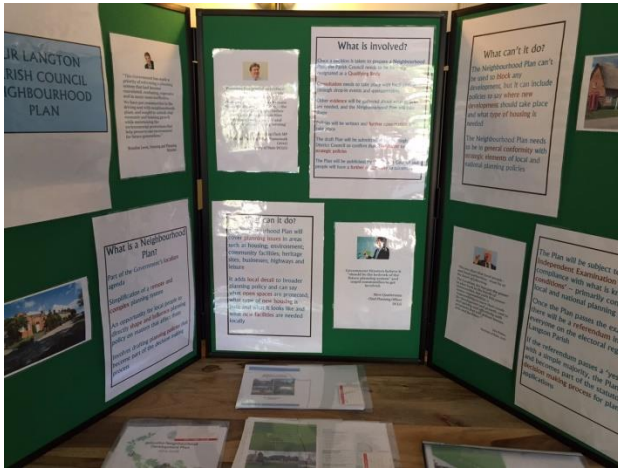
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a) Process on the day

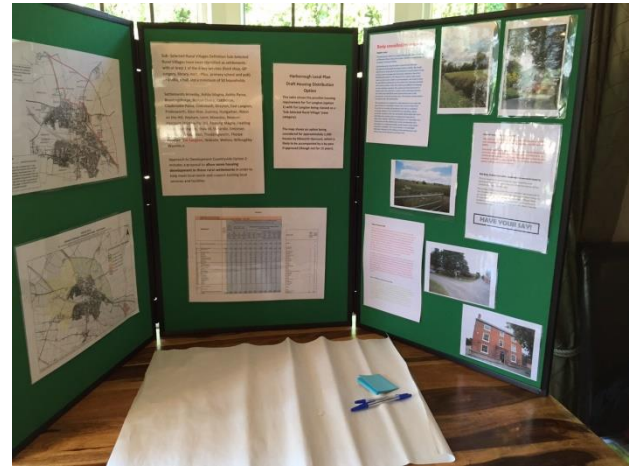
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| Sign in | Parish Councillors welcomed attendees on arrival and asked them to complete a contact sheet which recorded details of where the individual lives, age profile and willingness to become involved in the Neighbourhood Plan as it evolves. |
| Background | The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process that is being followed by Tur Langton Parish Council. |
| Information | Copies of finalised Neighbourhood Plans were available for people to read as they walked around the displays. |
| Consultation on key issues | <p>A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focussed on a different topic related to planning and development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local Green Space and Environment▪ Housing and Design▪ Businesses and Employment▪ Heritage▪ Traffic and Transport▪ Leisure and Community Facilities▪ New Local Plan consultation <p>Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on each topic using post-it notes and to place them on flip-chart paper under each display.</p> |
| Visual maps | Attendees were given the opportunity to record local green space of importance to them by placing 3 green dots on a map of Tur Langton that represented an area valued for its visual amenity and 3 blue dots on sites valued for their recreational use. |

b) Display Boards

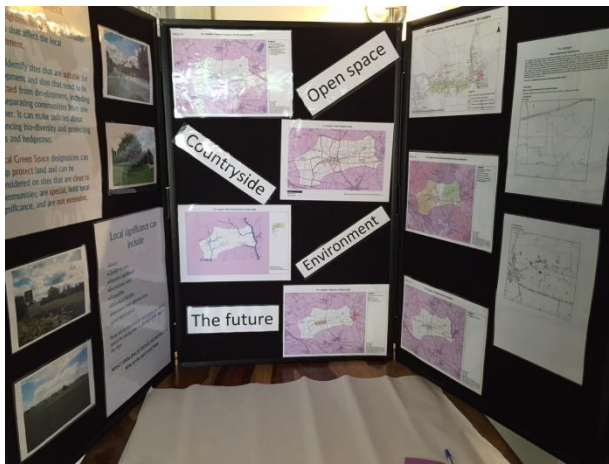
General



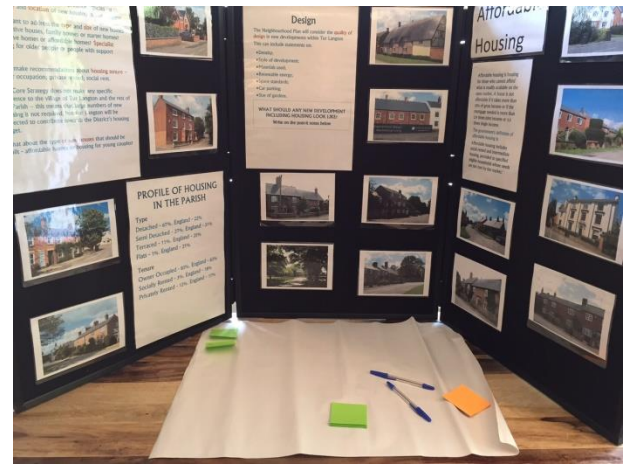
Local Plan consultation



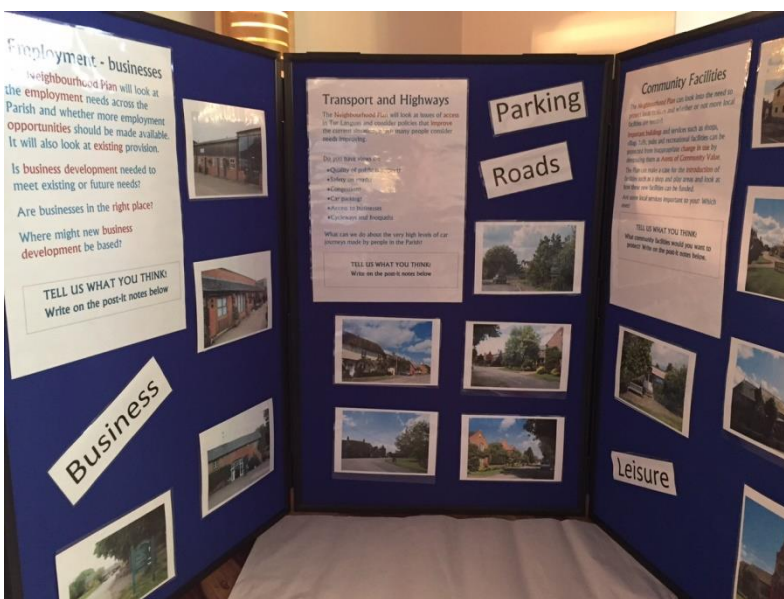
Open Space



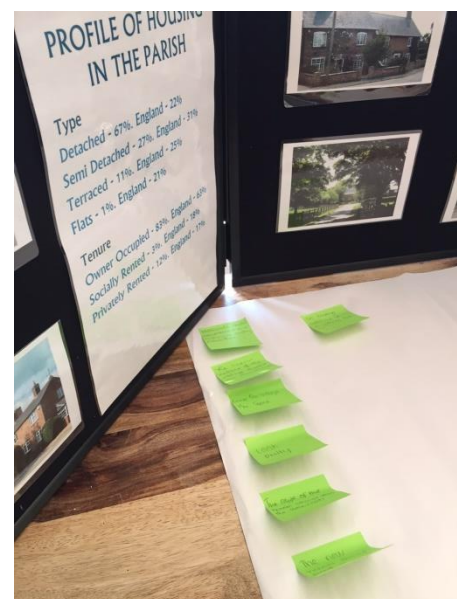
Housing



Employment/Parking/Community Facilities



Post-it notes



c) List of attendees

A list of attendees is available separately.

12 females attended the event and 9 males.

Age profile of attendees

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| Under 18 | 2 |
| 18-24 | 0 |
| 25-34 | 1 |
| 35-44 | 4 |
| 45-54 | 2 |
| 55-64 | 3 |
| 65-74 | 4 |
| 75+ | 5 |

3. Results

Employment – businesses

Comments

- Businesses are in the right place. They have got their own place slightly out the way, but they suit the village
- The pub, village hall and church should be protected. The business in the manor is fine, but sale should be controlled and traffic should be managed

Open Space and Environment

Comments

- Any future development should only be permitted on outskirts of village. Possibly on Cranoe Road, giving easy access for vehicles.
- There shouldn't be houses going down Kibworth road joining Tur Langton and Kibworth
- The workings and management of the countryside is not the responsibility of the locals. Organisation already exists for their management e.g DEFRA
- All gardens and outlook views on to fields should be protected. Footpaths, existing open spaces 'Green' by T-junction. No building behind roads.
- The views to and from the Mere protected
- All open spaces should be preserved
- The footpaths to North and South are well used, also by ramblers etc. from outside the village
- Farms protected

Housing and Design

Comments

- The new houses should blend in with the original state of Tur Langton
- The style of houses should stay the same (old)
- Keep the village the same
- Look pretty
- It is right that we move with this, nothing stays the same
- New development should be very limited
- Lower density schemes which results in greater outside space
- Keep village the same. If we must build, make it blend in, not look cheap and ugly. No high density housing estates
- Only restricted development of properties
- Let landscaping be a greater influence
- Langton houses development is a very nice style. Small, manageable development to enclose the community and profile of village.
- No need to intensify the village

- Multiple-house developments are out of keeping with the style of the village. Materials and style of house is very important
- The linear nature of the village should be maintained
- In keeping with what is already here
- Materials should complement and enhance existing properties

Local Plan consultation

Comments

- Keep up the good work!
- Outdoor play area such as fields to play, parks, football pitch and tennis court
- Outdoor play area or any communal sports facility
- 15 more houses? Seriously? This would damage nature of the village if not careful - do not want housing estate style like KB1.

Community Facilities

Comments

- We need more footpaths between villages
- It used to be a farming village and it is not now
- Need to protect village hall. Also useful as a car park to prevent congestion
- Footpaths between us and Church Langton - enable children to cycle or walk to school - avoid the need for buses
- The village hall should be preserved
- Pub to stay. Village hall to stay. Footpaths to other Langtons would be good
- Footpaths for parents and children to walk to Church Langton school
- Real need to keep village hall.
- Would love to see open recreational areas
- A shop in the village would be excellent
- The village hall is an important asset for the village
- Play area and easy accessible walks

Transport and Highways

Comments

- Top of village where there is new development - it is dangerous - visibility is difficult. A lot of congestion, particularly near the pub
- Please can we have signs showing the speed
- Parking on pavements needs to be stopped
- We are okay for transport. Not safe road - corner at the bottom of village - cars come round too fast. 30mph signs need to be extended nearer to the pub

- Traffic calming measures? We will not allow on B6047, but what about Main Street?
- Slow down, children playing

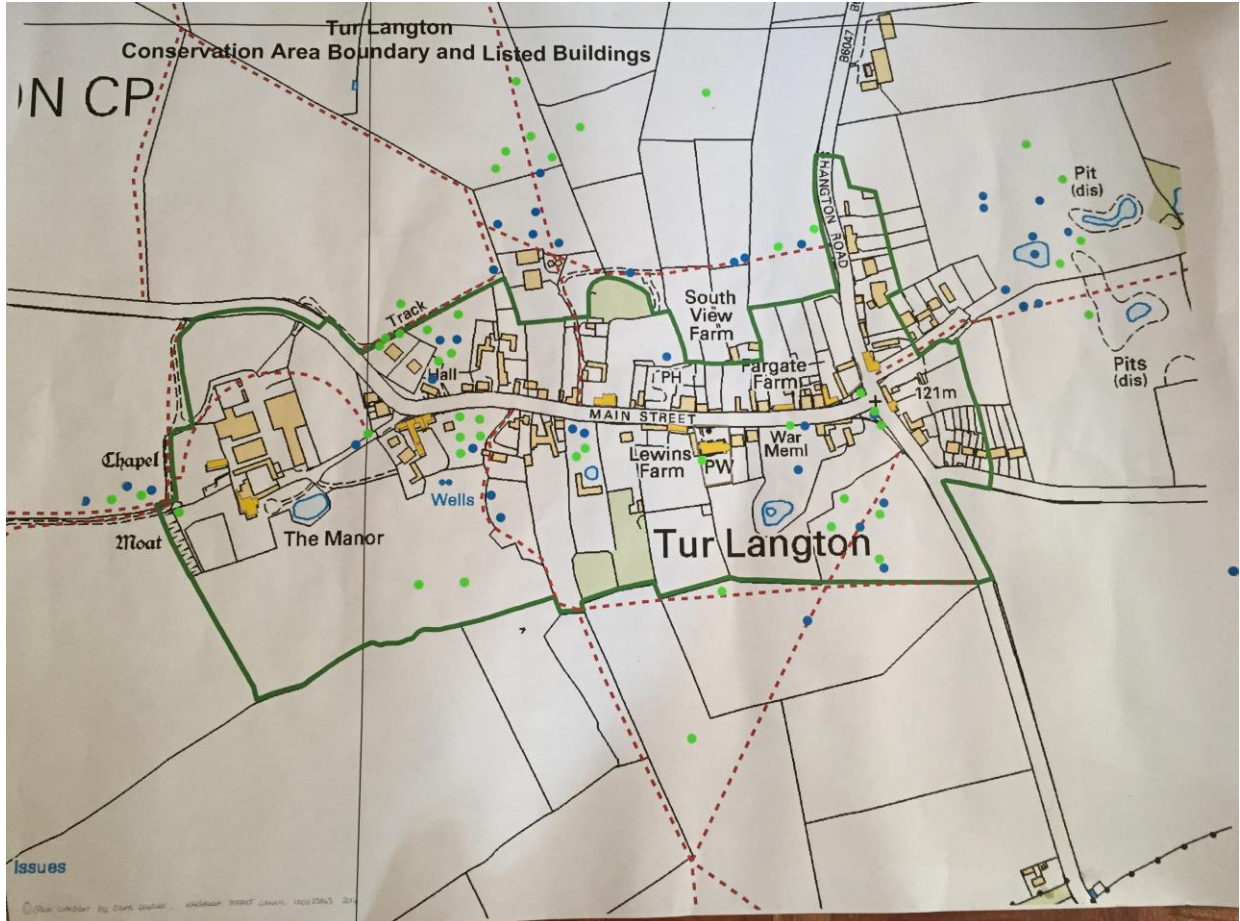
Heritage and Conservation

Comments

- The older houses are what give the village its identity. They should be protected if possible
- We should celebrate our heritage and make more of it
- We cannot become beholden to the past and our heritage. Modern houses and facilities can and will be more efficient
- Keep the character. The older houses are important. New builds must blend in.
- Local list: Spring house, Yew Tree house, Chestnuts

Open Spaces

| Green Spaces | |
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| Questions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place up to 3 blue stickers on the map in an area of open space that is important for leisure and up to 3 green stickers in a place with a good or important view |
| Results | |



Summary of findings

Comments were made reflecting a wide range of opinions, however, people who attended the consultation event demonstrated a consistency in a number of key areas:

Employment – There were a small number of respondents commenting on the businesses. Where comments were made, people expressed support for the presence of businesses in Tur Langton and saw it being in the right place.

Environment – Comments were made on the location of any new housing and the desire to protect important views and open spaces.

Housing and design – Many respondents wished to see any new development to be in keeping with existing homes in terms of style and materials used, retaining the linear nature of the village. Some acknowledged the need for new housing and asked for any new homes to be of good quality with a low density.

In the section on Local Plan consultation, people took the opportunity to express the need for more community facilities and questioned the potential scale of housing referred to in the draft Local Plan.

Community Facilities – Many people highlighted the need for better footpaths especially to Church Langton School and other Langton villages. The need to safeguard the Pub and the village hall was also referenced as was the need for more recreation/play areas.

Traffic and roads – General issues were raised about the need for more signage/traffic calming and attention was drawn to the dangers at the top of the village near the Pub where there is regular parking on pavements and at the bottom of the village where traffic speeds round the bend.

Heritage and conservation – Some properties were identified for local listings and a balance of views expressed between preserving the old properties and welcoming modern houses and facilities.

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