

# KIBWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT

19 May 2016

## CONSULTATION RESULTS



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# 1. Background

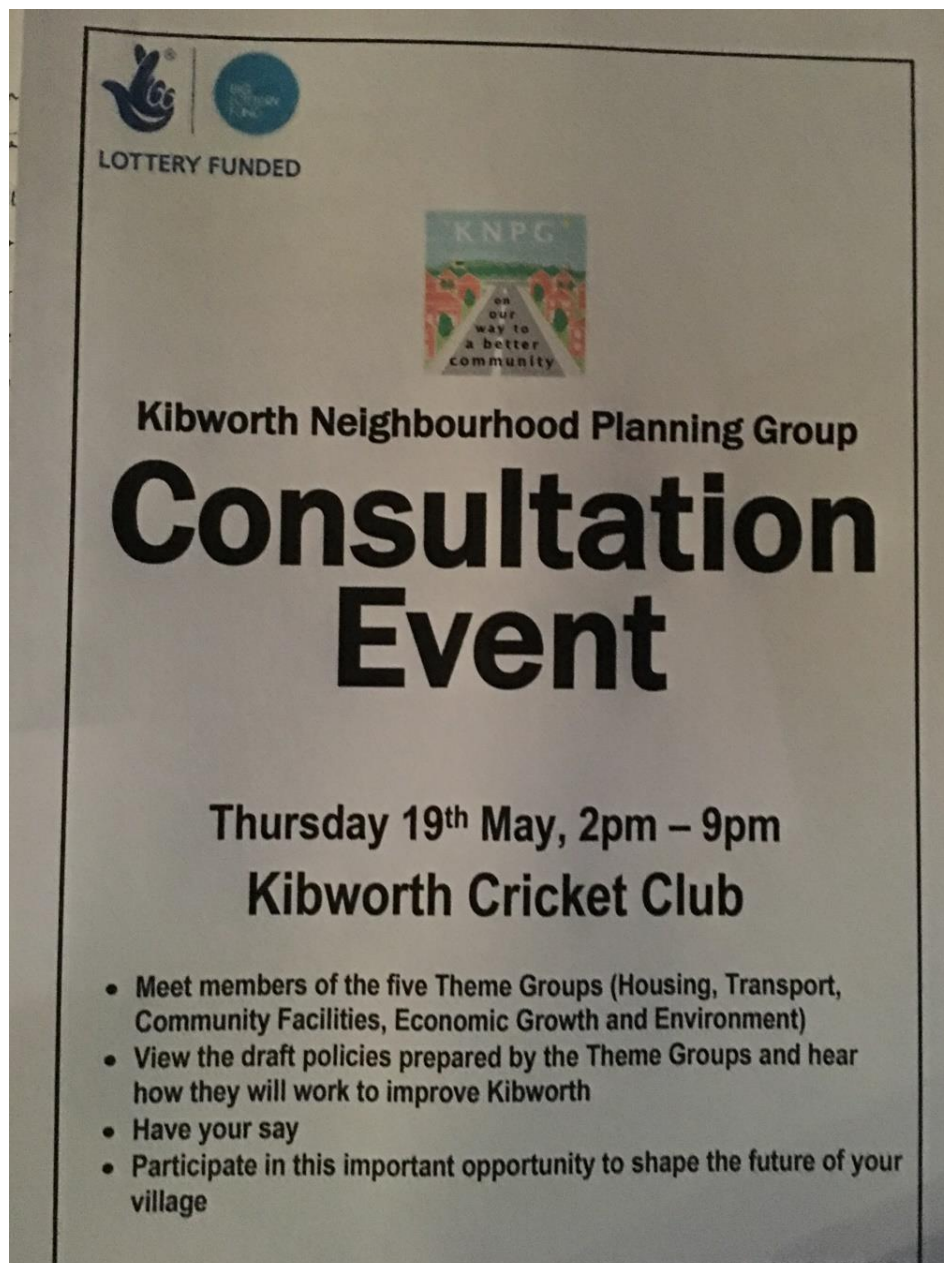
## a) Project Brief

Yourlocale was commissioned by the Kibworth Neighbourhood Plan Group (KNPG) to assist in the delivery of a drop-in event on 19 May 2016 on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for the Kibworths. The event took place at the Kibworth Cricket Club between 2 pm – 8 pm and provided an opportunity for the community to comment on the draft policies including ones on the environment; heritage; community facilities and services; traffic and transport; housing and design and employment.

## b) Publicity

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

- Leaflets and flyers were produced and delivered through each door.
- Parish Councillors and KNPG Members promoted the event.
- The Community newsletter (the Kibworth Chronicle) ran an article about the consultation event.



## 2. Format of Event

### a) Process on the day

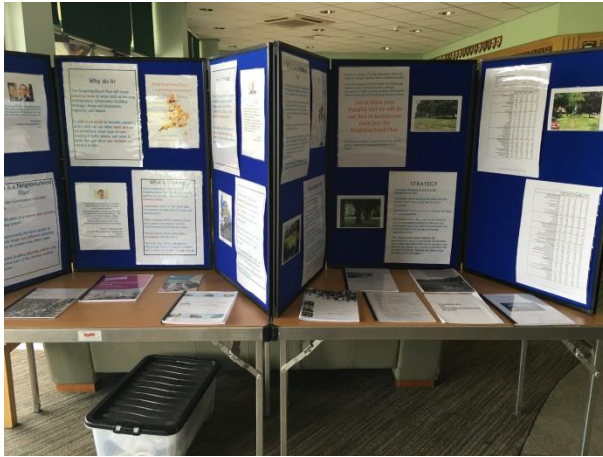
Sign in	Members of KNPG welcomed attendees on arrival and asked them to complete an attendance register.
Background	<p>The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process that is being followed by KNPG and explained the progress to date and the stages still to be undertaken.</p> <p>Copies of 'Made' Neighbourhood Plans were available to view and general leaflets explaining the process were also available.</p>
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 issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Environment</li> <li>▪ Housing and Design</li> <li>▪ Businesses and Employment</li> <li>▪ Traffic and Transport</li> <li>▪ Community Facilities</li> </ul> <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> <p>There was a display on the results from a recent community questionnaire and a further display on the Strategic Development Area to the north east of Kibworth. The results from youth engagement were also on display.</p>
Visual maps	<p>Large scale maps of the Kibworths including Open Space, Sports and Recreation Sites; flood zones and listed buildings were spread across the room for people to view.</p> <p>Images of old and current Kibworth were on a rolling slide presentation.</p>



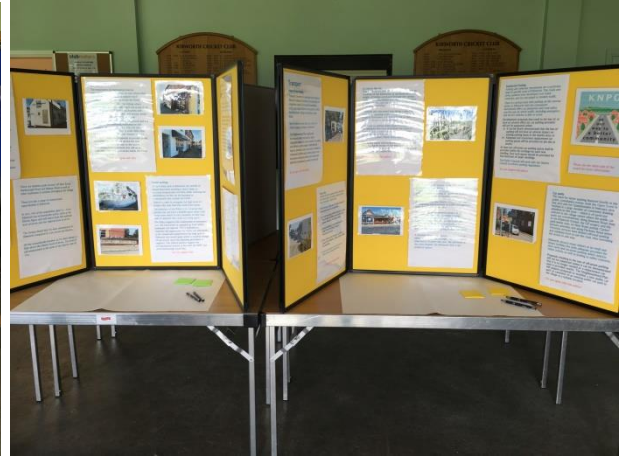


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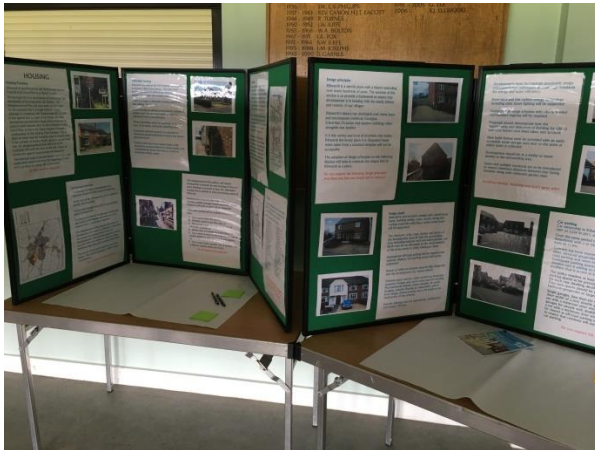
### Introduction



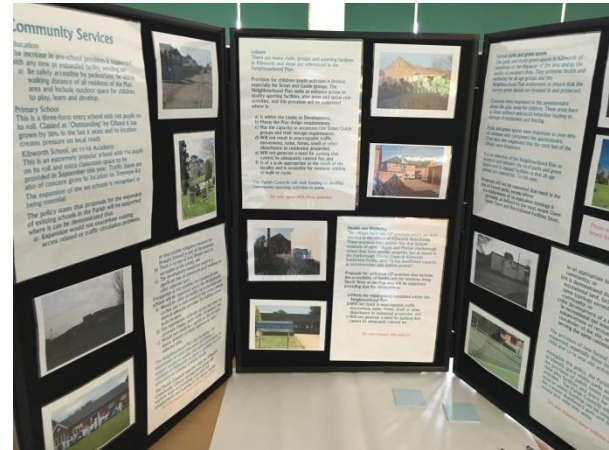
### Employment and transport



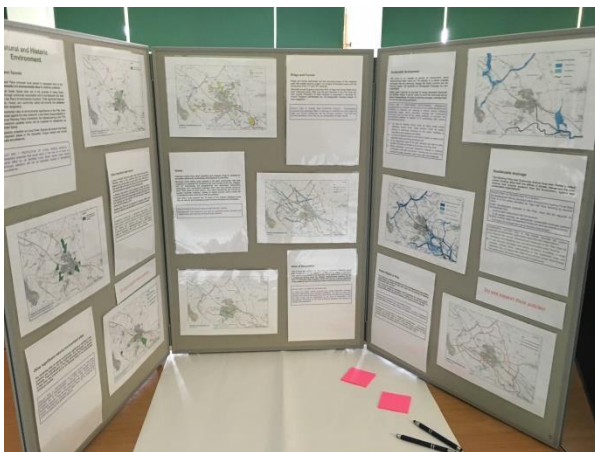
### Housing



### Community Facilities



### Environment



### Questionnaire results



## c) Attendance

A total of 124 people signed the attendance sheet recording their presence at the event. A list of attendees is available separately.

### 3. Comments

#### Employment – businesses and shops

##### Comments

- Home working: what size of extensions? How many? Catering for what type of goods? Storage/office space? Feel this needs more thought
- Extensions for businesses at home should have similar criteria as those for “windfall development”
- I support the primary shopping area proposals but something must be done about parking, particularly delivery vehicles 9am-6pm
- What percentage of employees in the business parks are Kibwoth residents?
- Broadband/Homeworking/Primary shopping: I support these issues.
- Primary shopping area – I support this!
- Homeworking/Primary shopping/ Broadband: I support all these policies.
- Would home working result in increased nuisance parking?
- I support Homeworking extensions, etc. If people have a space that could contribute to them working from home and not driving to work – GREAT!

#### Environment

##### Comments

- Developers are targeting green field and agricultural sites around Kibworth. Not Brownfield which should be the case
- Trees are very important to me. They need to be preserved and MORE planted!
- Old Rose and Crown Inn – former Raitha’s. Should be listed if it isn’t already!
- No building on field behind Beauchamp Rd/Cedar Close. This would bring Smeeton and Kibworth too close together and cause traffic to be even worse in the village
- Trees need protecting
- SHLAA 2015: Surely site AK BH SG/08 should extend up to the Three Gates Rd to provide access
- Self-sufficiency is important to the whole country, especially if we leave Europe. Agricultural land should be respected
- I agree with the proposal Canal/Trees, etc.
- Need to plant more trees on Warwick Rd recreation ground

- Harborough DC has recently approved the removal of 2 very large fir trees close to The Munt despite initial objections from consultees – this is a very unhelpful policy – perfectly healthy trees felled/wildlife/noise and traffic pollution – all for 1 person’s bigger house!
- TREES. Jubilee Green has 2 fine horse chestnut trees – are they protected by TPOs? If not, they should be.
- Trees need protecting
- We need more trees to cut down on the pollution of traffic
- Protect ALL trees in both villages.
- The windmill is listed Grade 2\* and is also a scheduled Ancient Monument
- Yes – need to protect green spaces for public use
- Yes
- Langton Fields is so very rich in wildlife apart from being a fantastic old “ridge and furrow” field. Little owls, tawny owls, badgers and setts to name but a few, live around these fields
- The fields off Carlton Rd and Langton Field must surely be SSSI sites, NOT housing estates
- Protect ridge and furrow and enhance footpath
- Protect ridge and furrow – it is history that is important for the identity of a village
- Ridge and Furrow is an “ancient monument” of the landscape and the remaining areas should be preserved for perpetuity
- Why were developers allowed to dig up “ridge and furrow” land on land at the back of Fairway?
- Definitely need to keep areas of separation between Kibworth/Smeeton and Kibworth and surrounds generally
- Flood risk – any development which may add in any shape or form to potential flooding risks should be soundly rejected, with more trees etc added
- I agree with this comment (above).
- Tin Bridge paddock with (drain?) must be LGS!
- 100% support the retention of the open spaces outlined on this map
- Agree with these proposals for Natural and Historic Environment.
- The importance of providing permeable surfaces cannot be overstated – glad you are including this provision
- We should absolutely protect our natural environment – open spaces and trees and the ridge and furrow fields. We are a large village not a concrete bound town/city!

- Need new site for Scouts and/or Guides to accommodate growth
- What guarantee do we have any of this will be done? It's all very well promising it now!!!
- Kibworth Meadows has already spoiled the skyline on the approach from south-west (Wistow). The same must not be allowed to happen in the proposed SDA
- Part of recreation ground to be country park with trees, benches, flowers, etc.
- The view from the approach to Kibworth from Leicester has already been ruined. Any further development towards Oadby will only make it worse.
- Protect the start of High Leicestershire east of Harcourt

## Housing

### Comments

- 40% affordable housing is a joke!
- I agree with affordable housing for existing residents and those with family in Kibworth
- Fully support "limited development" designated areas
- Affordable housing is a good idea for local residents. Unfortunately in practice this does not occur, as people from all over the county have come along with..?
- Affordable housing is not possible if developers have to fund everything from new facilities to a relief road. Affordable housing cannot bear these extras.
- Housing needs to allow the community to be housed from cradle to grave with a mix of housing that allows a full life in the community.
- Affordable housing needs to meet social, local; and key professions needs. Starter homes are not the answer.
- There needs to be somewhere for older people to go. Affordable housing at 40% is too much. Should be 20%.
- No one wants shared ownership. It's a scam that should be banned. Freeholding is not too much to ask
- Shared ownership is a mickey mouse system which props up a corrupt banking system. Don't do it!



- **Affordable housing – yes for local people, maintain local people in the community, don't introduce "problems" from the City! Maybe not as narrow as just the parish, include surrounding villages**
- **I agree with affordable housing for existing residents of Kibworth – but not for people from the other side of Leicester who don't want to be here anymore than we want them here!**
- **Builders being forced to provide a percentage of "affordable housing" have to increase the price of the other houses to compensate. Leave builders to build and let local authorities build social housing.**
- **Not sure how to do it but make/help people to maintain their properties so the local environment is cared for – maybe linked to pride in local community – start @ school**
- **Yes – more small units for young singles and retired people are needed to keep them in Kibworth**
- **56 is not enough homes up to 2031**
- **56 units looks unrealistic in view of the planning authority's meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May this year!!**
- **The 56 have already been allowed at Wistow Rd A6 roundabout**

#### Design and windfall

#### Comments

- **Artery roads must be made at least four lanes wide BEFORE houses are built. This will ensure safety during home building, allow buses to pass each other and cars to pass stopped buses, and allow school children space to safely walk on the side of the road**
- **How are these car parking policies to be enforced?**
- **Refuse storage. Agree with this policy! Very sensible**
- **Agree with this policy**
- **Discount garages as a parking space**
- **External storage. The sheds provided for the new houses are now looking very rickety! Think external storage should be brick built and therefore require less maintenance and will last longer**
- **Agree on Windfall development guidelines.**
- **Very little thought given to design – Kibworth is simply being surrounded by unimaginative boxes which are very ugly and have no character at all**

- Design needs to reflect village and be a range of styles and match in to local organic and not regimented
- Windfall housing – great idea provided access is good and adequate parking and housing is affordable!
- Windfall development - NO! We need to preserve our gardens for wildlife.
- I disagree with windfall development. Big gardens are rare and wonderful and should be protected
- When we bought our house in 2010 we were not directly overlooked. The council approved (after initially declining) a windfall house which now directly overlooks us – doesn't seem like our opinions matter!
- Fully agree – wheelie bins are most unsightly to look at from your lounge window
- Grass parking spaces could be allowed as part of the two-car requirement; then kids can play on forecourts of families with fewer cars
- Electric car charging points; cycling access enhancements
- It would be helpful to have a map of the conservation area more up to date than 2004. Infill of the Barwood Homes development behind High St/off Weir Rd seems to flaunt some principles
- (In reference to above comment) ...Windfall housing!

## Community Facilities

### Comments

- I support these proposals as there is already “too much” unstructured development allowed – there should be restrictions imposed to curb development/density of house building.
- All of these ideas are good and well but new facilities are not required “within” the village, they are needed within the David Wilson building sites!!! We cannot take more traffic in the village
- Another community hall is required as it has become very difficult to find meeting rooms for groups. Kibworth Meadows should have a facility for their estate also
- Definitely need more community facilities for children. Scouts are oversubscribed and need facilities ideally with outdoor space for activities too
- New GP surgery is 100% in wrong location for future growth

- Green spaces are vital. I support more parks. I do not support more development as a large estate is still being developed in Kibworth
- The Fire Station should be expanded to have more staffing, and more trucks, and more staff if housing grows

## Transport and Highways

### Comments

- I agree with these proposals: Transport; A6 access; Resident Parking; Car Parks.
- No bypass = No new homes!
- Transport. Access to A6 from Wistow Rd dreadful in the morning, queuing back to roundabout
- Bypass does not help Kibworth, people still have to leave the village and get onto the proposed bypass. The congestion is bad enough already.
- The bypass will help so much. Please let's have a future proof framework. I am for the bypass.
- Both Kibworths are villages with narrow roads and indirect access to main A6. No more development before a bypass is built
- If the large lorries currently using the A6 are expected to move to a single lane "bypass" they still have 3 small roundabouts to negotiate. Some drivers will treat this relief road as a dual carriageway and will cause frustration!
- We don't want a bypass if it means having large numbers of new houses to fund it!
- A relief road is not enough. We need a dual carriageway bypass!
- Cycle path
- Bypass won't address traffic issues in village. Most traffic thru village is vehicles cutting through from A50 to A6
- Plans submitted by developers fail to recognise potential cycle routes. I suspect HDC and LCC also fail to understand the needs of cyclists. PLEASE CONSULT CYCLISTS!
- A bypass is a must! It will rid Kibworth of lorries and noise and pollution. Housing projects in the whole area should pay for infrastructure
- The junction of a relief road with the A6 near the railway bridge seems impossible and needs review
- Roundabout at New Rd would slow traffic on A6 and avoid crazy manoeuvres in trying to turn right across traffic flows. Richard Brown

- **NEW ROAD – double yellow lines needed**
- **Pollution – the level of pollution is already near the government acceptable limit. Any additional traffic on the A6 will be exacerbated by large scale housing development**
- **Kibworth is already bursting at the seams**
- **A6 can't cope with more traffic from new developments**
- **Fully support "Residential Parking Policy"! If houses are built, there must be adequate off road parking spaces**
- **I support strongly all these policies: Transport. Road Safety. Access to A6. Residential and Car Parks.**
- **Bypass or relief road is basically needed. More housing in the right place would create funding for this. Get a move on before someone dies, not until they become a statistic!**
- **Fleckney Rd terrible at all times. Smeeton Rd getting worse due to traffic cutting through to avoid New Rd junction**
- **Kibworth Beauchamp cannot sustain any more housing developments at the present time**
- **Statistics showing % of traffic that would transfer to a bypass (page 20) shows that a predicted 14,200 will continue to use the old A6 – so only one third less than uses it now! This is not going to make much difference!**
- **Bypass must be the first priority as traffic density is becoming a serious problem around Kibworth**
- **- short term problem – we're full up!! Should be a halt on development. In the longer-term if HDC says more housing they should be in KH with additional facilities and a relief road**
- **Village can accommodate NO MORE TRAFFIC. No bypass if it means YET MORE TRAFFIC via DEVELOPMENTS!**
- **Agree with Transport policies.**
- **Traffic lights needed at junction of New Rd and A6. A bypass won't help the traffic on Fleckney Rd where buses are stuck for 15 mins trying to get through**
- **Village cannot cope with more traffic and parked cars. I am worried for my children on their way to school. We encourage walking but it is a hazard even on pavements**
- **Transport and Access to A6 is a priority – it is no good trying to shirk responsibility. We need a bypass.**
- **New development – NO – The village can't cope. 21<sup>st</sup> Century needs can't be met by 19<sup>th</sup> century infrastructure**



- **No to bypass at the expense of more housing**
- **A bypass which took a west/south route around Kibworth would help ease village traffic as it would give better access to Fleckney. A north/east bypass is NOT the only option!**
- **The natural centre to both villages is the existing A6. If a relief road could be built around Harcourt the A6 between the two villages could become a shopping area relieving the existing High Street**
- **Agree to Road Safety proposals**
- **Any bypass or relief road MUST NOT be at the cost of further housing**
- **Traffic calming along Marsh Drive required and weight restrictions MUST BE OBSERVED (7.5t)**
- **Would A6 Bypass alleviate extensive queue through village Sunday mornings to get paper and pint of milk? I think not.**
- **New Road/A6 Traffic Management is a short-term priority however it needs linking with Church Rd/Marsh Dr changes to avoid New Rd rat-run**
- **I very much agree that new houses should provide two (or more) parking spaces per home. It is not the Highways authority's responsibility to provide us with parking; homes and offices must do that**
- **Village should consider funding its own parking enforcement**
- **Buses on Fleckney Rd are endangering pedestrians, cars mounting pavement coming in other direction**
- **Tonnage restrictions Marsh Drive – why no signs at the bottom of Marsh Drive? (only at A6 turn)**
- **Access to A6 – provision of traffic lights at junction of Church Rd/Marsh Drive is essential.**
- **Support better access on to A6 – it's very dangerous at the moment. Absolute must to have wider roads and parking for new developments. Reduce congestion around schools, doctors, chemists and shops**
- **Large housing is inevitable. Make them pay for the much needed bypass**
- **Yes to bypass but definitely no to more houses being built**
- **Transport – Continue the hourly x3 route – route 17 via Warwick Rd not the Meadows. Peak hour traffic lights at A6/New Rd and/or A6/Coach and Horses. Improve central car parking – new site required and enforced parking restrictions on the road through K. Beauchamp**
- **No to Bypass!**
- **I agree with the above statement**

- Agree more public car parking required. Question the plan to match bedrooms to car parking space at residential sites. This may just encourage more cars!



## **Summary**

This was a well-attended consultation event at which many members of the KNPG Theme Groups were in attendance to explain the processes and draft policies to members of the community.

There was broad support for the policies as evidenced by the written comments and by the discussions that took place on the day.

Some of the areas of concern involve issues that the Neighbourhood Plan is not able to address (such as the potential level of housing should the Strategic Development Area get the go ahead and the extent of affordable housing required to meet District-wide targets). Others that fall within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan will be considered before the draft is finalised.

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