

Steventon Neighbourhood Plan



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AGENDA

Monday 6 June 2016 Steventon Village Hall

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Presentation of the NDP progress to date

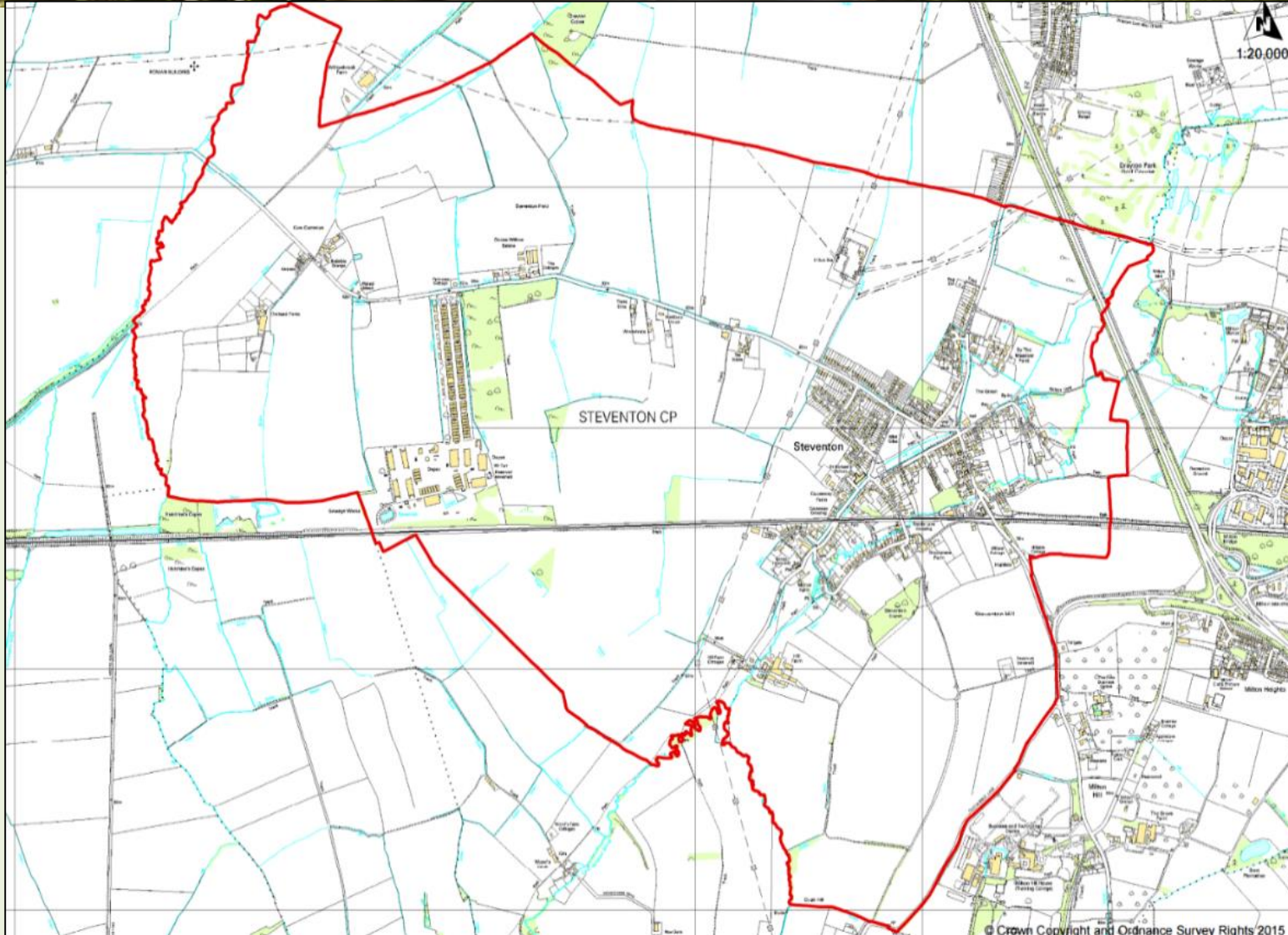
Sustainability Appraisal

Information Boards

Residents Feedback



Steventon NDP Designated Area



Our Mission Statement

“To protect and enhance the rural identity and heritage of our village whilst ensuring its future sustainability.”



Where we are in the Process

**Scope the issues – do we need a neighbourhood plan
Designate the neighbourhood plan area
Undertake comprehensive community survey (Residents' Survey)**

COMPLETE

**Complete a social, economic and environmental study
Define sustainability issues and challenges
Use the evidence gathered to set out NDP objectives**

JUNE 2016

**Undertake comprehensive community survey (Consulting with non-statutory Stakeholders)
Write NP policies
Consult District Council and other consultees
NDP goes to Independent Planning Examiner
Referendum: Community votes 'yes' or 'no' to NDP
Plan is adopted ("made") by District Council**

JULY-DECEMBER 2016



Purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal

- The sustainability appraisal is part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (Steventon NDP)
- The purpose of Sustainability Appraisal is to ensure that the principles of sustainable development are embodied into all levels of planning policy. To this end, it must be demonstrated how the Steventon NDP will contribute to achieving sustainable development.
- What does this mean?
- As a result of development, will Steventon:
 - Maintain it's "Rural Character"
 - Continue to provide high quality education from the Primary School and Pre-school
 - Continue to provide services/facilities for a growing population



Baseline Assessment Topics of Information to Collect

- biodiversity, flora and fauna
- population and human health
- soil
- water
- air
- climatic factors
- material assets
- cultural heritage, including architectural and archaeological heritage
- landscape
- the interrelation between these issues



Baseline Assessment – Evidence Base

Where we have collected Information

- 2011 Census
- Steventon NDP Residents' Questionnaire
- Local Knowledge
- Previous Parish Plans
- Web Searches



SWOT Analysis

Strengths

Community spirit
Numerous clubs & associations for residents
SARINC donations and grounds work
Heritage & conservation Area
Village green & hall
School & pre-School
Parish Church
Allotments and open spaces
Access to footpaths and countryside
Flora and fauna

Weaknesses

Possible alienation of new residents
Ageing membership, need for new blood
Locals unable to afford new houses
Loss of bus services and public transport access
Little known village history
Poor sewer Infrastructure
Poor ditch maintenance
Traffic Congestion at Junction
Poor Road crossings
Reliance on both level crossings
No direct access to doctors surgery
No cycle ways
Employment opportunities in the village

Opportunities

Improved sewage system
More communal village events
Form a Village Housing Association within SARINC
Creation of a Heritage Trail
Flood Contingency Plan
Cycle Path Network
Increase village services as population expands
Volunteer Car Scheme
Section 106 funding
Parking for existing houses

Threats

Reservoir construction
Closure of level crossings
Flood Risk
Traffic speed
Traffic congestion
Loss of village identity
Loss of open space
Closure of North Star and knock on effect to community services
Extension of village beyond convenient walking distance
Insufficient School Places
Rapid housing development and loss of village character
Loss of farmland / green spaces
Insufficient parking



Key Issues - 1

(Strategic Environmental Assessment)

Environment

- **Heritage** – recent large areas of high density development have not been in keeping with the character of the village. Development could affect views from the popular Ridgeway long-distance national trail in the AONB.
- **Local green spaces** are highly valued and any loss of green space would be a significant concern to residents. Several open green space areas in particular are identified in the survey as of very high importance to be retained. These spaces are important leisure facilities, promote well-being of residents, provide habitats for a rich diversity of species, and are part of Steventon’s heritage.
- **Cycling and walking:** we want to maintain and enhance existing footpaths and cycle tracks and provide more safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Biodiversity** – the value of trees and pond flora and fauna, and waterways need to be protected and enhanced where possible for wildlife habitats. This must be balanced against the need to keep the drains clear to minimise flooding.
- **Climate change:** We need to ensure that any development addresses environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change.



Key Issues - 2

Social Issues

- **Suitable homes:** We want to ensure that any new development provides the mix and tenure of houses that people need and, crucially, new homes must only be built when the capacity of the drains and sewage system is sufficient to prevent flooding and sewage overflows.
- **Ageing population:** We want to encourage suitable design of new housing to catering for the needs of an ageing population.
- **Heritage:** We want to conserve Steventon's heritage, which is important to retain the village character, to contribute to the visitor economy, and be integral to the community facilities that are available for residents.
- **Education:** We need to expand and improve the pre-school and primary school facilities.
- **Design:** We accept that there is need for new housing and would like this to be of high environmental quality and in keeping with the village character. Development in the designated conservation areas in particular should be in keeping with the look and feel of the historic buildings. We expect any new housing development to contribute to enhancing community and leisure facilities.



Key Issues – 3

Economic Issues

- **Economy:** We have lost many small businesses in the village over the years and would like to support home working and encourage suitable small businesses.
- **Traffic:** The local costs of commuter traffic through the village from the wider area are high. We would like to address traffic speed and volume and ensure that new development does not exacerbate the current problems.
- **Employment:** We need to keep in mind the likely cumulative implications of strategic sites and the Science Vale employment development on housing need, school places, traffic, and employment opportunities.
- **Flooding** is already a serious risk to existing houses and is projected to get worse with climate change. Developers are pushing to develop in areas with flood risk categories 2&3. Steventon already has a major problem with new development going beyond capacity of drainage and sewers.
- **Drainage:** Recent new development has already gone beyond the capacity of drainage and sewers causing foul water flooding. We are concerned that any new development must be designed so as not to exacerbate the existing problems



Key Issues - 4

Cumulative issues

- We need to keep in mind the likely cumulative implications of strategic sites and the Science Vale employment development on housing need, school places, traffic, and employment opportunities.



Proposed Sustainability Objectives - 1

Environmental

- Improve and protect the natural environment including biodiversity, water and soil quality.
- Reduce air, noise and light pollution.
- To ensure sustainable building practices which conserve energy, conserve water resources and materials and minimise impacts on soils and water.
- To preserve and enhance open green spaces and sports recreation facilities and provide additional facilities, where possible.



Proposed Sustainability Objectives - 2

Social

- To ensure that new development reinforces or enhances Steventon's distinctive rural character and heritage setting
- Provide sufficient suitable homes including affordable homes of size and tenure that meet local needs with adequate parking.
- Ensure the availability of quality services and facilities.



Proposed Sustainability Objectives - 3

Economic

- Reduce the need to travel by car and improve provisions for walking, cycling and public transport and reduce road congestion
- Ensure sufficient drainage and sewage capacity for all new homes.
- Increase resilience to climate change and flooding.
- Ensure new developments are well connected to the village centre and amenities.
- To ensure that any new development does not cause or exacerbate road safety issues, including traffic and parking.
- Assist in the development of a strong and sustainable economy, particularly small firms with low-impact activities.





- Have we got it right?
- What have we missed?
- We need your comments by Monday 20th June

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