Neighbourhood Plan Designation Application

Walkeringham Parish Council

Date: 17/02/2016

Designation Application

Parish of Walkeringham

Walkeringham Parish Council hereby submit an application to Bassetlaw District Council to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Walkeringham.

A meeting was held on 13 February 2016 and attended by some 70 plus Local Residents. There was strong support at this meeting for developing a neighbourhood plan.

Boundary

The boundary of Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan is shown on the attached map and uses the parish boundaries.

Qualifying Body

The Parish Council of Walkeringham is the qualifying body to carry out the Neighbourhood Plan. A Steering Group has been established to support the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and will report into the Parish Council.

Scope

The Parish Councils consider that it is advantageous for the residents of Walkeringham to undergo the procedure of developing a neighbourhood plan and engaging local people and using local skills and knowledge to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the future development of the area. They are also committed to ensuring that the Neighbourhood Plan can be largely supported by the wider community. The issues to address that are detailed below have been identified by the Parish Councils and the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group; they will require further testing with the wider community and as a result may change.

Issues to address

- To identify an acceptable level of housing development for the village by understanding the housing needs and must appropriate site allocations within a defined development boundary.
- To identify how to protect the rural nature of the area, whilst supporting and developing future housing and employment growth
- Designation of local green spaces
- Preservation of our local heritage
- Enhancement of recreation areas
- Reinstatement of village shop and secure long-term Post Office service
- Allowing/facilitating local small scale employment opportunities
- Development of a canal side Marina
- Understanding the village infrastructure and how it needs to be enhanced to accommodate future development:
- Expansion of village primary school

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Consultation

Local residents and businesses will be consulted throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. This will consist of:

- Continuous awareness raising of the plans development and progress
- Early consultation on the issues and ideas to take forward
- Consultation on draft vision, objectives and policies in advance of submitting the draft plan to the Council

A range of methods will be used for communicating and consulting with local residents and businesses. These also recognise and make use of existing formats and networks. It is envisaged that the following will be used:

- Public notices on the public notice boards
- Parish newsletters delivered to every home??
- Facebook page
- Utilising meetings of existing local groups and organisations
- Door knocking
- Village survey
- School visit
- All parish meetings will have a slot in every meeting to address Neighbourhood Planning issues
- Create a website page relating to the Neighbourhood Plan

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