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BAGWORTH, THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



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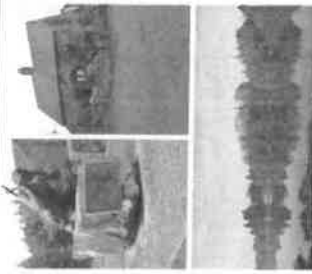
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**This is Your
Invitation to Help
Plan the Future**

PUBLIC DROP-IN EVENTS

**Saturday 28th October 2017,
Bagworth Community Centre, Station Road,
Bagworth, Leicestershire, LE67 1BH
at 12:15 - 4:30pm
(Light refreshments available)**

**Saturday 4th November 2017,
Stanton-under-Bardon Village Hall 2, St John
Cole Crescent, Main St, Stanton-under-Bardon,
Markfield LE67 9AE at 10:30 - 3pm
(Light refreshments available)**

**Saturday 11th November 2017, Thornton
Community Centre 175 Main St, Thornton,
Coalville LE67 1AH at 10:30 - 3pm
(Light refreshments available)**

BAGWORTH, THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This consultation forms part of the process to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Bagworth, Thornton, Merry Lees and Stanton-Under-Bardon.

The information and views gathered will be used to build evidence to inform the contents of the plan and help to ensure that it represents the needs and views of the local community.

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning is a new process within the reformed Town and Country Planning System agreed by Government through the Localism Act. This provides the community with an opportunity to influence the planning and development of their area by producing a statutory planning document. Once made, the document will be used to help inform decisions in relation to future planning applications across the parishes. The Neighbourhood Plan will allow those, who live, work and have a business in the area to have a say on:

- The most appropriate locations for new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities and other developments.
- What type of development is needed & how it should look
- Which important green spaces and other important areas should be protected.
- What improvements or additions to local facilities and services will be required alongside any development.

Why are we considering producing a plan?

The planning system helps decide what gets built, where and when. In theory, planning was always intended to give local communities a say in decisions that affect them. In practice, however, people have often found it hard to get their voice heard.

The Neighbourhood Planning process will result in the production of a legally recognised document which will be used to ensure that the needs, of the local community are fully considered when assessing future planning applications and proposed developments within the area.

A Neighbourhood Plan will provide a great opportunity for you to have more influence on how Bagworth, Thornton, Merry Lees and Stanton-Under-Bardon will change over time. Your local knowledge and good sense of what should be protected and what needs to change can now really make a difference.

Who is producing the plan?

The production of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-Under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is being led by Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council in partnership with Stanton-Under-Bardon Parish Council. The Neighbourhood Plan will be formulated by a Steering Group comprising members of both Parish Councils and local volunteers who live, work or do business in the area.

The success of the plan will rely on ongoing input and support from local residents, businesses, land owners, and other organisations active within the Parishes.

Opportunities will be provided for ALL members of the community to participate in the production of the plan.



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sustaining communities

BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT

Saturday 28th October 2017
Saturday 4th November 2017
Saturday 11th November 2017



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1) Background

Project Brief:

The RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland) was commissioned by Bagworth & Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Councils to:

Support the Bagworth & Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Parishes Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group to inform and consult the community on the Neighbourhood Development Plan via three Community Engagement Drop-in Events.

Aim:

The aim of this event was to inform the community on Neighbourhood Planning and gain some initial feedback from residents on what they liked, disliked or would like to see improved within the parish.

Publicity:

The event was publicised throughout the parish via:

- ❖ Publicity Leaflet distributed to all households (Annex 1)
- ❖ Parish Council websites

For Reference:

The Drop-in events were held at the following venues on a Saturday morning/ afternoon to help engage as many residents as possible.

- Thornton Community Centre 175 Main Street, Thornton Coalville, LE67 1AH
- Stanton-Under-Bardon Village Hall, St John Cole Crescent, Main St, LE67 9AE
- Bagworth Community Centre, Station Road Bagworth LE67 1BH

2. Format of Event

Drop-In Event Format

	ACTION	DETAILS
1 ↓	Sign In	<p>RCC Officer/Working Group Member asked attendees to complete a short registration form upon entering the event. This enabled the gathering of key demographical data including; post code, age, gender, ethnicity and employment status.</p> <p>RCC Officer/Working Group Member asked attendees to complete a contact details slip if they wanted to be kept updated with the NDP process following the event or help with the project.</p>
2 ↓	Introduction	RCC Officer/Working Group Members provided a brief introduction to the event including; background to the project, format of the event, how to have a say, and how to stay updated following the event.
3 ↓	Background to Project	Information outlining the background of the project was provided via a display board. Key points covered included: <i>What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan, why produce one, what a plan can and cannot do what the plan will look at and the designated NDP Area.</i>
4 ↓	Consultation on Key Issues	<p>A series of display boards were erected around the room, each of which focused on a different topic related to planning and development displaying some background information on the parish as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Green Spaces - Environment - Footpaths & Bridleways - History & Heritage - Flooding - Renewable Energy - Facilities & Services - Traffic & Transport - Housing - Employment & Business/Economy - Communications <p>Having read each of the displays, attendees were asked to list the things that they liked, disliked, or wanted to see improved in relation to each topic area.</p>
5 ↓	Visual Maps	<p>Opportunity to indicate important Green Open Spaces.</p> <p>Coloured dots were provided for attendees to highlight green spaces that they valued within the parish (Green – 3 sites valued for visual amenity; Blue – 3 sites valued for recreational use).</p>
6 ↓	Additional Comments	Attendees were provided with blank slips to enable them to put forward any additional comments relevant to the project.

3. Results

Demographics			
Total Attendance	13 attendees (11 registered) - Thornton Community Centre		
	26 attendees (21 registered) – Stanton-Under-Bardon		
	14 attendees (14 registered) – Bagworth Community Centre		
POST CODE AREAS REPRESENTED			
LE67 1AD	1	LE67 9TQ	2
LE67 1AH	3	LE67 9TR	2
LE67 1AN	1	LE67 9TU	2
LE67 1AY	2	LE67 9TW	1
LE67 1BS	3	LE67 9TX	6
LE67 1BY	1	LE67 1AW	1
LE67 1AW	1	LE67 1BJ	3
LE67 1HP	2	LE67 1BL	1
LE67 9AE	1	LE67 1BU	1
LE67 9TG	1	LE67 1DT	3
LE67 9TL	1	LE67 1DX	2
LE67 9TP	2	LE67 1HN	3
Gender:	Female	25	
	Male	21	
Age Category:	75 or over	6	
	65 – 74	9	
	55 – 64	17	
	45 – 54	7	
	35 – 44	4	
	25 – 34	0	
	18 – 24	1	
	Under 18	2	
Employment Status:	Employed (Full Time)	14	
	Employed (Part Time)	8	
	Self Employed	0	
	Full Time Education	2	
	Part Time Education	0	
	Unemployed	1	
	Retired	18	
	Housewife/Househusband	3	
Ethnicity:	White British	45	
	White Irish	0	
	White (other)	0	
	Indian	0	
	Other	0	

Traffic & Transport

Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	69

COMMENTS

DO NOT LIKE

Parking

- Parking/obstructions
- Parking on footpaths (One other person agreed)
- Parking on pavement in Thornton main street, especially at school times
- Parking around the school around school starting and finishing times – safety of the children is a real issue
- Parking on reservoir road especially at weekends, sometimes right across the dam, causes access problems to the village
- Parking is atrocious throughout the village, but especially down reservoir road
- Roads in Thornton have lots of cars parked on them. Lots of traffic at school opening and closing times. Keep this very old village safe
- Outside school parking at the beginning and end of day terrible
- School parking is a problem

Speeding

- Speeding including cyclists (one other person agreed)
- Groups of cyclists on Saturday and Sunday are a hazard and don't recognise the problems they give careful drivers!
- Speed limit over the dam is too high, given the danger of families out walking.
- Speeding is a real and growing problem
- Too many people exceed the speed limit, sadly including people who live here
- Speeding and dangerous driving in Bagworth needs addressing
- There is some speeding past Laurel Wood on Barlestone Road at least 2 cars have gone through the hedge in 2 years

Traffic Volume

- Agree very much with optimum traffic – anymore and there will be severe problems at peak times
- Increase in traffic volumes
- Gridlock at school times in Thornton
- Due to sat nav the village is now used by many as a thoroughfare & over development has doubles village traffic!
- Thornton – the top of Hawthorne Drive/ Main Street opposite school. People use top of junction as an extra lane to follow traffic to pass

Safety

- Car's flying horses island is very dangerous
- Safety issues outside the school with children crossing
- Driving on footpaths

- Cars blocking paths. Inconsiderate

Horse riders

- Horse riders need to ride in single file. If they ride in single file care do not slow down!!!
- Get horses off the pavements!

Visibility

- Bend at end of main street Thornton towards Bagworth, difficult to see oncoming traffic
- Visibility from Hawthorne Road junction onto main street, Thornton

Bus Service

There is no evening bus service from Leicester to Thornton at weekend/evenings

Cyclists

- Coley Lane – used by Horses, walkers, bicycles, scramble bukes. Bikes need to travel slowly on blind bends – have had several near issues whilst out horse riding

HGV's

- There has been an increase in lorries taking 'short cuts' through Stanton Lane to avoid increased A511 traffic. This should be discouraged

Signage

- Bridge on road to Bagworth, lorries get stuck-not sufficient signage

WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED

Parking

- Parking a huge problem, a joined-up solution required. Parking restrictions, parking permits work in many areas, but, MUST be in conjunction with vastly improved public transport. A proper regular bus service seven days a week including evenings, affordable and linked to make appropriate connections
- More parking off road needed so buses can get through
- Sunny weekends create big problems with the influx of visitors and lack of parking Could Severn Trent be encouraged to create a car park on the land leading to warden's house?
- Thornton main street parking – just about OK, at present. Parking limits speed, but any more parking would affect traffic flow
- Parking on one side of Main St only (Stanton under Bardon)
- Ensure non-blue-badge holders do not abuse community centre blue badge spaces
- The raised ground to the left of the Church – change this to free local parking, this may help with school parking
- Parking needs more consideration, recent development lack enough for residents let alone even 1 visitor
- Double yellow lines needed in many areas and enforcement

Speeding

- Extend 30mph across the dam
- Love to see lots of people enjoying the reservoir, could we the road along the dam closed say on a Sunday?
- Some speed calming method installed (SuB Thornton)
- Speed calming measures through SuB main street would improve safety
- Speeding lorries
- The village needs speed cameras (but not speed bumps!)
- Cameras do work

- Speed bumps or a sign which shows your speed. Slow down
- Instigate direct actions against speeders for two weeks. Fine and points on license
- Add more traffic calming to slow down traffic
- Anti-speed measures essential in Bagworth

Bus service

- Bus service to connect up local villages (Thornton to Stanton under Bardon), (Thornton to Desford etc)
- An evening bus service would be nice!
- Evening bus service to Leicester
- Would love more bus services and/or passenger service on train
- Bus service improved
- Keep (could improve?) 120 bus service
- Support for bus services please
- Need to support the local bus service or we will lose it. Evening bus would be appreciated
- Bus service from Bagworth to local villages would help the elderly
- An organisation to transport elderly and disabled folk to doctor's surgeries, shops, village events etc at a very small cost or free, once they can no longer get out and about and become isolated

Rail line

- Look at ways that we would be able to open up the rail line for passengers. Excellent form of transport for people going to work. Take car pressure off the roads
- A railway station would benefit – not just this parish but the whole area. (Station on line in Bagworth)
- Consider re-opening railway line/ station in Bagworth
- A station

Cyclists

- Request notice to cyclists using the reservoir walk to give audible warning of approach to walkers/pedestrians. I am a cyclist, very few actually do this. May need to liaise with Severn Trent
- Would love students to walk/cycle to the High School from Thornton, good for health and wellbeing. Separate path or perhaps close the road once a week?

Communications	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO COMMUNICATIONS IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	44
COMMENTS	
WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED	

Broadband

- The broadband facility in Thornton is NOT reliable. I have spoken with BT many times but to no avail. A higher authority needs to be involved
- Broadband adequate
- As with anything in life – good communication is vital for personal, business, educational use. Mobile reception and fast reliable broadband essential for the whole area
- Broadband connection is unreliable and flaky, speed varies 43–4Mb/s, drop outs frequent. BT have never fixed the problem, suspect old aluminium cables
- Broadband quality and reliability needs considerable improvement, it continually drops out and speed is less than half what we pay for
- Improve broadband
- The internet is incredibly slow to access, affects the whole village of Thornton at any one time
- Dreadful broadband and download can't upload at SUB
- Despite being told by BT that fibre options have arrived in Stanton – speeds still slow of mobile signals are a joke! (one person agrees to this comment)
- Agreed – dreadful broadband in SUB (one person agrees to this comment)
- Broadband improvement. Essential for viability of villages
- Broadband improvement is essential to encourage new businesses and sole traders to this area
- Even superfast broadband is slow
- Broadband is poor to non-existent. We are building new homes and factories it is time to drag the area into the 21st Century
- Terrible broadband signal
- Broadband good if you can pay for fibre otherwise poor
- Broadband signal still very poor in Bagworth & Thornton. Can't get any signal at all near shop in Bagworth
- Internet speed is still terrible (two people agree to this comment)
- Improve broadband and Wi-Fi connections for mobiles e.g.
- Urgent need for fibre optic broadband in Stanton, especially with additional strain on current phone provision

Mobile signal

- Cannot use mobile phone in house as little signal (Doesn't seem to matter what provider). This is a basic need in this day and age!
- Phone signal needs improving. We wanted to have an electric smart metre fitted, but inadequate phone signal on ANY network!
- Mobile signal is weak to non-existent
- Mobile reception needs considerable improvement throughout Thornton village
- Mobile signal, broadband needs major improvements
- Improve mobile reception
- Mobile reception extremely variable and often poor
- Dreadful mobile signal dreadful
- Agreed – dreadful mobile signals in SUB (one person agrees to this comment)
- SUB – mobile phone signal very poor, essential for villages
- Mobile improvement is essential to encourage new businesses and sole traders to this area
- Thornton & parts of Stanton – mobile phone signal very poor (one person agrees to this comment)
- We were told we are 'on the edge' of a decent signal for phones needs improvement please
- Mobile signals are in some places, non-existent great if one wishes to retire but less so otherwise
- Phone is poor to non-existent. We are building new homes and factories it is time to drag the area into the 21st Century
- Better mobile signal in Bagworth

- Terrible mobile signal
- Mobile signal from all providers not existent without booster boxes
- The electric company recently could not install a smart meter because of the weak mobile signal
- Mobile signal still very poor in Bagworth & Thornton. Can't get any signal at all near shop in Bagworth

Community

- SUB – Churches, community centre school, jubilee
- Find out what groups are working in Bagworth & Thornton & Stanton
- Encourage communication even if all these groups meet once or twice a year

TV

- Virgin TV needed as option to sky

Housing	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO HOUSING IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	35
COMMENTS	
LIKE	
Housing Mix <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I really like Thornton as it is. A good mix of dwellings, unpretentious. Owners do what they can to improve their houses 	
NOT LIKE	
No more housing/ infrastructure supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we don't need it, don't build it! • The village is already over developed so no more. Some chance! • Please stop building new houses etc. we are overcrowded as it is. We are beginning to look like a mess • Thornton is a linear village and cannot sustain any building within the village, congestion is bad enough 	
New homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanton was told - the Local Plan we needed to have 30 new houses. We have 2 new estates totalling approx. 66 at a further 25 with planning permission, WHY? • It feels as though Bagworth has had far more than its fair share of new housing, with another 61 houses planned. Isn't it time all the villages took an even number each? We all value the Greenfields & views. Let the distribution be more just! 	

Data

- 2011 statistics are out of date decisions should be based on more recent data

Fit in with village

- The estate that was going to be extended doesn't really 'fit in' as it is

Infrastructure

- I would have thought Bagworth already has affordable/ small houses than many villages. Should we have to accept 61 more, with no school, medical access close by etc for those without transport?

Planning policies

- Stanton – has lost approximately 30 outlying houses due to quarrying never been reduced. Planning policies do not allow for building in the open countryside allowing them to be replaced. Only allow industrial!! Why?

Population

- More houses increases village population

WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED

No more houses/ infrastructure supported

- No more housing without supporting infrastructure (one other person agreed)
- No further houses etc should be built until schools, surgeries, roads etc have greatly improved capacity
- Stanton – if we have to build more houses there needs to be something done about facilities such as Surgery. Markfield is already inundated. Would a local surgery perhaps 2 days a week be a possibility? Would school be able to cope?
- Development in Bagworth to remove brownfield/ derelict sites is good but more people need more services, doctor, schools transport, these must accompany development to benefit both locals & economy (one person agrees with this comment)

Affordable homes

- Thornton has a very diverse demographic which helps to make it a 'living' village rather than a dormitory one. We do need affordable homes for all, but not at the expense of greenfield sites, and not without viable infrastructure
- Affordable housing required, got enough big houses but space needs to be allocated for at least 2 cars per property (spaces big enough to accommodate a modern car)
- New affordable housing priority to locals should be increased

Housing mix

- Ensure a range of housing types/process to stabilise population. Don't let this area become an 'executive dormitory'!
- Need to ensure a good mix of housing without compromising the character of the villages or putting extra strain on services and facilities
- Mix social housing with privately owned houses as per government guidelines

Brownfield sites

- Use brownfield sites not greenfield sites for affordable new builds
- Brownfield sites should be used for housing, not green field ones

Character of village

- Any new housing development should be sympathetic to the character of the villages
- Keep Thornton linear (one other person agreed)

Housing for elderly

- Sheltered housing for disabled and old community
- Accommodation for elderly and / or disables – with appropriate support (e.g. 120) encouragement for all to co-operate with all

Roads

- Any new roads with access to estates need to be wide enough for two cars. Driveways need to be big enough to accommodate a car
- Thornton does not have roads infrastructure to support additional housing

Bungalows

- In an ageing demographic, we need bungalows

Extend at the ends of village

- Don't fill in to bulk out village, extend at the ends of the village

Larger housing

- Larger houses with decent sized gardens for growing families need to be built in Bagworth

Nature areas

- Less housing near nature areas

Parking

- Need more parking

Facilities & Services	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO FACILITIES & SERVICES IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	33
COMMENTS	
<p style="text-align: center;">LIKE</p> <p>Recreation/ sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well maintained playground and facilities in Thornton • Good to have play areas • Stanton play area has improved. Thank you (one person agrees to this comment) <p>Community Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good community centre in Thornton • Community centre is a real bonus! <p>Graveyard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like new Woodland grave yard 	

- Well maintained playground and facilities in Thornton
- Good to have play areas
- Stanton play area has improved. Thank you (one person agrees to this comment)

- Good community centre in Thornton
- Community centre is a real bonus!

- Like new Woodland grave yard

Panto

- Love Thornton Panto!

WOULD LIKE TO SEE /SEE IMPROVED**GP/ Medical services**

- Medical services needed
- We could use a doctor's surgery in Thornton to save travelling to Markfield or Barlestone, especially for the elderly who don't drive
- GP and medical services
- Doctors surgery would be nice
- Need GP surgery as we had before
- GP surgery
- Increased housing in Markfield is putting pressure on GP and pharmacy services
- Provide free GP taxi service for appointments? In Markfield?

Recreation/ Sports

- Football teams in Stanton
- Improvements to Stanton park area are welcomed
- Would like a swimming pool as difficult to get to other facilities relying in bus services

Pub

- Pub needed in Bagworth
- Pub

School

- School needed
- School needed in Bagworth

Youth facilities/ activities

- Young person activities
- Youth facilities – meeting place/coffee bar (One other person agreed)

Allotments

- Something needs to be done regarding the allotments – access? Who is renting them? Their usage?

Bins

- More bins around Bagworth, especially park and walk paths

Bus service

- Need to maintain/ improve bus services so Stanton residents can get to Doctors in Markfield and get into Loughborough and Beaumont Leys

Police presence

- Police presence

Public toilets

- Public toilets

Shop

- The shop a post office in Stanton could do with an upgrade which would encourage more use. Would not like to lose this facility when John retires

Other

- Would like to see more interaction between various groups e.g. school, church, community centre, jubilee committee etc (one person mentioned communication to avoid "clashes" updates etc
- Where will the money for facilities and services come from? Houses being built with no 106 monies and rate payers having to foot the bill for school places
- Not aware of what goes on in the community centre. Is there a group to promote usages and awareness?

Employment & Business

Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	29

COMMENTS

LIKE

Community

- Really like the communities & friendly attitudes here. Hopefully the new development will want to be part of a continued communities

Shop

- Great to have the shop in Thornton (One other person agreed)

WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED

Industrial areas

- Industrial – why not only allow large industrial development to be built around motorway junctions for ease of access etc. Instead of open countryside
- Small affordable industrial units
- Builders are changing plans to reduce any need for factory units, they need to be forced by the planners to supply this urgent need
- Keep villages surrounded by green & separate for ind/ commercial

Local businesses

- Make sure local people use local shop and post office, or they will close. Use it or lose it
- Encourage local support, use it or lose it
- Encouragement of local businesses
- Local businesses are always approached for raffles etc! there are wealthier individuals who could participate more!

Small businesses

- All three villages can only absorb small businesses

- Small businesses should be encouraged but care should be taken that increases traffic and extra burdens on infra structure and services are not impacted
- Reserve a small area in Stanton, with buildings for hire, space to rent. Useful for starting businesses
- Small businesses, we don't want to be surrounded by factories (one person agrees to this comment)

Businesses

- Encourage business in
- It's so vital to have a village shop/school/pub etc. These need to be supported
- Businesses should use industrial parks close by, perhaps transport links improved to them

Office space/ storage space

- Wouldn't mind some office space to run my own business from. Currently renting in Coalville
- Some small storage/ office spaces for new businesses would be great. Not ware of anything close by

Pubs

- More pubs less factories (one person agrees to this comment)
- Bagworth in need of pub, more shops and a new school. Enough houses in the village now!

Bus service

- We need to make sure we do not lose the bus service in Stanton. We must use it or we lose it!

Community

- Encourage local businesses to participate in community

Varied employment

- Need to maintain varied employment facilities to prevent drift away of younger population

Wine

- Re open to passengers the Leicester to Burton Wine! Would like to see Leics C.C support – no jus negativity!! (one person agrees to this comment)

Other

- Should have a photo of Stanton Stores – a so essential part of Stanton!
- Stop monitoring exploitative large businesses from moving in
- Would be good to see more of properties near current shops in Bagworth instead of a hairdresser or pharmacist would be very useful
- Thornton seems to be a dormitory village

Open Green Spaces	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO OPEN GREEN SPACES IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
Total Comments	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
	28
	COMMENTS
LIKE	
<p>Linear character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linear character of Thornton gives views on either side – lovely (Two other people agreed with this) <p>Public walks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love the number of public walks we have through farm land, woods and near water. We are very fortunate <p>Reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservoir and surround excellent <p>Rural area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel very fortunate to live in this lovely rural area <p>Woodlands & Countryside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thornton is a lovely place to live because of all the woodlands and countryside <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heath wood excellent Its heaven 	
WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED	
<p>Protect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green spaces are vital for physical and mental health, and protecting them is a mark of a civilised, caring society This is a huge asset to the area and must be valued and protected I think Thornton reservoir is a great outlet in lovely surroundings for people of Leicestershire and should be protected from development (Two other people agreed with this) Green space protected from development The lungs of Britain. Keep them green, don't build on green spaces The reservoir and its surrounding area needs to be protected (Two other people agreed) <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could the shrub beds around the village be better cared for please? I know they are trimmed mechanically but the bindweed creeps through, takes over and looks a mess. Needs more TLC (one person agrees to this comment) Improve and maintain open green spaces to entrance to beauty of the villages and surroundings 	

Dogs

- We are so lucky in Thornton, reservoir, walks, play area, views etc. Would like to see more about dogs being kept on leads to be enforced on reservoir especially during nesting time. Have seen dogs go near to nesting swans, no cygnets this year
- More needs to be done about dog fouling

Wildlife

- Wildlife agencies involved so that birds / animals are encouraged to thrive. Bird boxes, planting for wildlife to thrive
- Maintain green space. Encourage wildlife (one person agrees to this comment)

Community involvement

- Greater involvement / engagement with community to maintain and promote

Hunting

- Bagworth has some lovely walks around, but my fear is that non-village residents use it for hunting (fox, hares, badgers) etc which I thought were prohibited (one person agrees to this comment)

Local produce

- Grow more of our own food- remember how to farm. Remember the last war surrounding it

No large developments

- No more large developments of houses/ warehouses

Pollution

- Please do not let it be polluted with more traffic etc

Publicity

- Maybe some areas could be better publicised

Signage

- Signage required to promote open spaces, public footpaths & rights of way

Waste bins

- More dog waste/ ordinary bins (e.g. bus stops, close to public footpaths) as carrying litter and dog 'poo' is not pleasant! (one person agrees to this comment)

Other

- Our green spaces are being eroded fast – with solar farms, industrial building of housing, large developments allowed but individual infill permission refused. (one person agrees to this comment)

Important Open Green Spaces

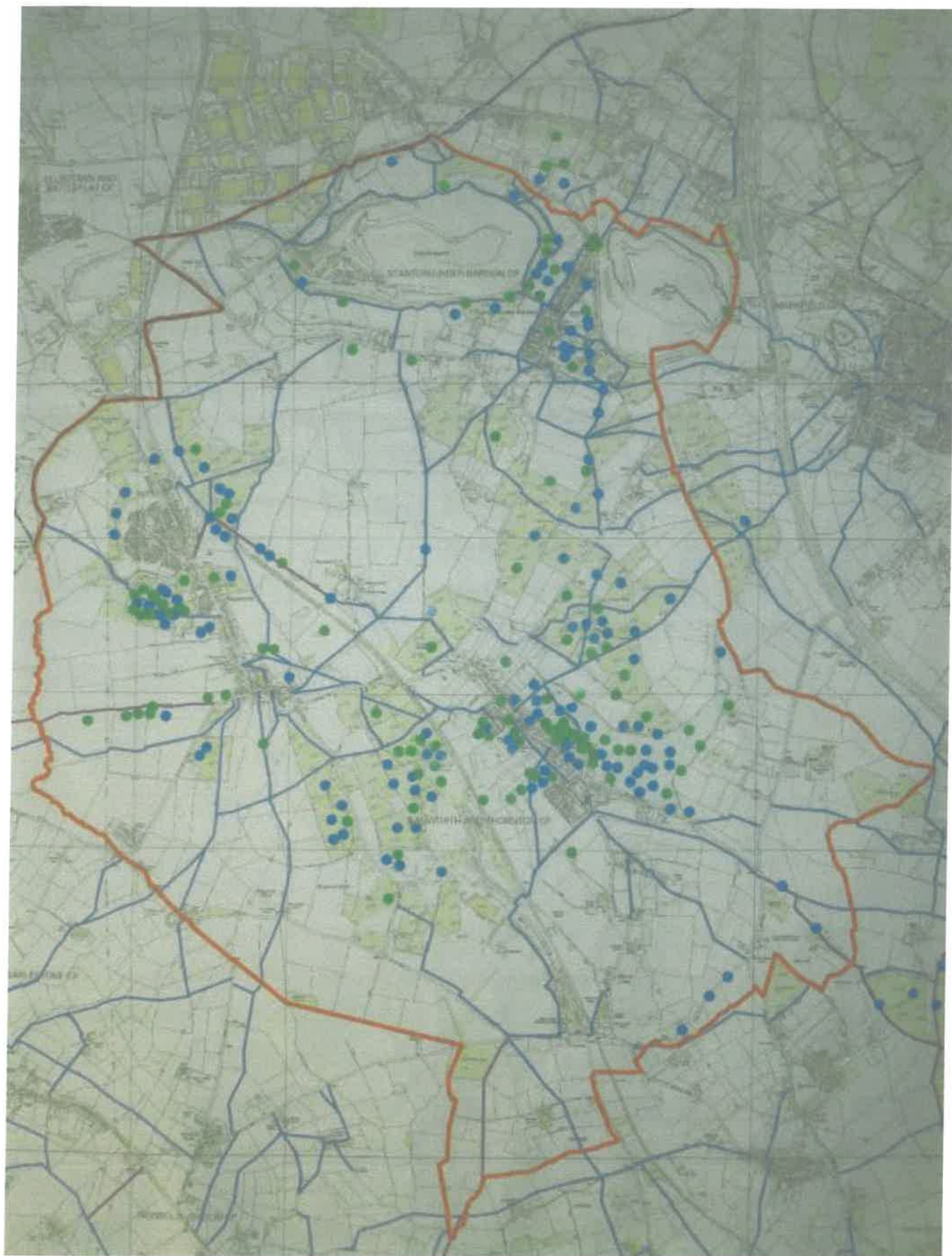
Question / Instruction

Please use the sticky dots provided to identify on the map any important green spaces that you value in the Parish

Please place a **BLUE** dot on up to 3 green spaces that you value most for Leisure & Recreation (e.g. walking, cycling, relaxing, playing, or sport).

Please place a **GREEN** dot on up to 3 green spaces that you value most for their visual amenity (view of, from or within the village).

A map was provided for the settlement area for attendees to use, as shown below



Renewable Energy	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	26
COMMENTS	
<p style="text-align: center;">LIKE</p> <p>Renewable Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable energy is a good thing but there is currently plenty in the vicinity All forms of renewable energy should be encouraged <p>Wind Turbines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love the wind turbines. They are a great landmark and great indicator of the prevailing wind direction and weather forecast <p style="text-align: center;">NOT LIKE</p> <p>Wind Turbines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind turbines are an eyesore and merely serve to show how little wind there is in the vicinity No wind turbines because they spoil the views <p>Solar Panels/ Farms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would be good if solar farm fulfilled their landscaping obligations properly <p style="text-align: center;">WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED</p> <p>Energy schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective energy schemes, very good idea to keep our costs down All new builds should be carbon neutral & include triple glazing, solar panels etc All buildings (businesses and domestic) – should have energy – saving services where possible All buildings (domestic and business) <p>Solar Panels/ Farms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar panels on existing buildings Encourage homeowners to use solar power etc grants? (one other agreed) All new business buildings should include solar panels e.g. factories, warehouses rather than on fields Solar PV on all new erected buildings not fields (three people agree to this comment) <p>Eco house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have a eco house that makes energy bills very small indeed. This should be encouraged! We have solar panels. Air source heat pumps and underfloor heating to keep costs down. Villagers invited to come and see. Encouragement for villagers to do this 	

- Would be interested in more domestic schemes – must be affordable

Hydroelectrical generator

- Thornton reservoir – could it be used for a mini hydroelectrical generator?
- Like the idea of Thornton Reservoir being used for hydroelectric scheme. Situation ideal with reservoir being high above the area where The Waterworks were. (one person agrees to this comment)

Transparency and simple to understand

- “Hard Sales’ puts public off panels. Make it simpler e-transparent
- Renewable energy should be encouraged and more information available so people understand it and any implications

Trees/ bushes

- Why have the trees been cut down on the downhill side of the solar farm? They need re-planting!
- Why have the bushes/ aphids planted to ‘hide’ solar panel on Thornton been cut down?

Location for solar panels

- Warehouses/factory roofs for solar panels and not productive fields

Rain water collection

- Developers to promote rain water collection barrels but is for each dwelling

Recycling

- Can we persuade borough council to improve its recycling/reusing services?
Compared to many areas we can recycle so little i.e. black plastic, food waste etc

Footpaths & Bridleways

Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER- BARDON PARISHES WHAT DO YOU LIKE WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	24

COMMENTS

LIKE

Footpaths/ network

- This area has one of the best footpath networks in the UK. It needs to continue
- I love Thornton because of the footpaths we have as well as the reservoir
- Number of footpaths is good
- Leicestershire has the best footpaths in the country. Leicestershire Round is better signed than Offa's Dyke and Cotswold Way

Access

- Lovely to have access to the reservoir

Signage

- I enjoy the footpaths which have been clearly marked around Bagworth, beautiful area to walk in

WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED**Overgrown hedges/ maintained**

- Keep hedge on reservoir dam footpath cut. Sometimes it is overgrown and path is limited, forcing people onto the road (one other person agreed)
- Need to ensure footpaths are kept clear and well maintained – vegetation etc (One other person agreed)
- Some footpath routes overgrown and difficult to navigate
- Footpaths need to be maintained
- Better maintenance needed
- Maintain this over the longer – term, many paths are unkempt and overgrown
- Overgrown footpaths need to be better maintained

Signage

- Clear signage, say where the path is going and how far, so that paths are just as accessible and clear as roads. Footpath maps encourage people to walk
- At the moment, there aren't clear walking routes linking up local villages
- Existing footpaths need to be fully identified
- Concern over Bulls being kept in fields with footpaths across. We need farmers to ensure footpaths clearly signed and accessible

Access

- I am unable to use many of the footpaths due to inaccessible stiles. Would like to see improved/alternative access
- Make footpaths more accessible

Cycles

- Allow more cycles on woodland footpaths to encourage youngsters to use them on bikes

Flooding

- Footpath at Horsepool Grange is flooded! Needs sorting ASAP. What have the owners done to cause/ increase the flooding?

Littering

- Try and reduce fly tipping and littering incidents with harsher fines and CCTV

Safety

- A safe path between Thornton & Bagworth. A pathway towards the South Charnwood school would be greatly appreciated

Other

- Most visual amenities are around Thornton but most of the footpaths are around Stanton and quarries!

History & Heritage	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO HISTORY & HERITAGE IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	24
COMMENTS	
LIKE	
<p>Historic Buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We do enjoy our historic buildings and our heritage, but we do have to be mindful of the needs of the 21st century too Very interesting for local history. The bier house is also an interesting feature & pumps 	
WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED	
<p>Preservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preservation of past history Thornton is a very ancient village covering many centuries. I hope that it can be kept as this for years to come without being encroached Time changes places, but need to retain historic (local) features, not just buildings, people's memories, families etc Should the care of our grade 1 listed church and maintenance, be left to the ageing congregation (average age over 70) Important to maintain the character and uniqueness of the villages and preserve old buildings such as pubs & churches or everywhere will end up a suburban sprawl Preservation of past & the history of Bagworth buildings, train, green land Bagworth should make more of the history rail links bier house, mine etc (but we're way more history then the mine – don't focus only on this) 	
<p>Keep village identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to keep village identity Whatever happens keep any more development to minimum to keep the identity of the village. Over development does not benefit the village only developers Thornton sits on a linear ridge which the landscape will be destroyed by a large development, it's not keeping with the existing surroundings We have just moved from Glenfield and seen how it can change We need to plan for the future of the village and get some traffic off the road move Houses 	
<p>Improve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the historic character of the village Presentation of school front view Remove large conifer & bushes will improve 1st impression of the school We need to keep the 'essence' of the village. Could make some improvements of main street – re traffic, parking, speed limits 	

Promote/ encourage interest

- Need to promote
- Encourage people to take an interest in their village
- Need to tell the story of our heritage – Stephenson, names on memorial-who are they? (Stephenson laid the first railway which comes through Bagworth & Thornton to take coal into Leicester. There is a 'fault' where the bridge is, where coal turns 'up'. Thornton is on a rock)
- Would be nice to capture the history of the villages, old photos and firsthand accounts from older residents for the future – perhaps on a website

Trails

- Make heritage trails in each village to boost local knowledge, encourage visitors to use shops and get people out and about

Environment	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	19
COMMENTS	
<p style="text-align: center;">LIKE</p> <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanton – we are blessed with a beautiful environment <p>Reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We're so lucky to have the reservoir <p>Wildlife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think we are okay for wildlife. Regularly see mix of birds, mammals etc when out and about. We're doing okay in this respect! <p>Woodlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love all the new woodlands that surround the village <p style="text-align: center;">WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED</p> <p>Protect/ reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure continuing environmental protection of reservoir and Bagworth Woods circuit. We are extremely fortunate to have these • Thornton reservoir was built in late century to take fresh water into Leicester, the first one in the county. It is not used for the water, but for fishing that takes place there • Stanton - Any development should be very sensitive to protecting as much as possible, to encourage wildlife & to benefit the health wellbeing of residents • The reservoirs at Thornton and Hill Hole are an asset that needs protection 	

Wildflowers/ hedgerows/ woodland

- I am concerned about the use of poison used to 'tidy up' edges and hedgerows around Thornton community centre. These are important wildlife corridors and habitats and they are being destroyed. Wild flowers area being eradicated from this area
- Wildflower meadows behind Thornton community centre/school not maintained well enough to encourage wild flowers. This year it was mown and hay taken off but this is first year for some time. Meadows are disappearing from our landscape and should be protected
- Woodland at end of station road. Hedge was laid professionally a few years ago but has since been left to grow out of hand. These woods like the Bagworth Wood, are losing their footpaths and once brambles take over its difficult to reclaim

Traffic

- Traffic causes pollution – less traffic please
- Proper countryside management/stewardship needs to be encouraged
- Traffic calming is vitally needed in SUB & Thornton & car pollution worries a safety

Litter/ dog mess

- Litter and dog mess still a problem that could so easily be solved
- Dog mess bags!

Parking

- Reservoir and surrounds are lovely. Need car parks to accommodate all the visitors, maybe there are too many

Planting

- Some areas could easily be improved by planting to encourage wildlife

Other

- I moved to Bagworth 3 years ago. I found people friendly & welcoming. I hope we manage to maintain our community when housing developments occur

Flooding

Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO FLOODING IN BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON PARISHES
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED
Total Comments	2

COMMENTS**WOULD LIKE TO SEE/SEE IMPROVED****Quarry**

- Flooding path past Horsepool Grange yard – caused by quarry needs sorting!!! Investigate interventions by Horsepool Grange owners!
- The quarry pumps out and this floods local footpath. When I phoned them, they said they do not pump out!

Additional Comments

- An excellent well put together display. Very well staged. Well done and thank you (x2)
- Thank you for all this information
- Thank you for giving up your time to let us see all this info. Hope it gets a positive turnout and things start moving!

ANNEX 1 Publicity poster/ Flyer

Want to find out more and get involved?

BAGWORTH, THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



RIVEAD would like to have your say on future development, and help the Parish Councils to plan the future of the area, then please come along to any of the Drop-In Events.

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BAGWORTH, THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



This is Your Invitation to Help Plan the Future

PUBLIC DROP-IN EVENTS

Saturday 28th October 2017, Thornton Community Centre 175 Main St, Thornton, Coalville LE67 1AH at 10:30 - 3pm
(Light refreshments available)

Saturday 4th November 2017, Stanton-Under-Bardon Village Hall 2, St John Cole Crescent, Main St, Stanton-Under-Bardon, Markfield LE67 9AE at 10:30 - 3pm
(Light refreshments available)

Saturday 11th November 2017, Bagworth Community Centre, Station Road, Bagworth, Leicestershire, LE67 1BH at 12:15 - 4:30pm
(Light refreshments available)

BAGWORTH, THORNTON AND STANTON-UNDER-BARDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This consultation forms part of the process to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Bagworth, Thornton, Merry Lees and Stanton-Under-Bardon.

The information and views gathered will be used to build evidence to inform the contents of the plan and help to ensure that it represents the needs and views of the local community.

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning is a new process within the reformed Town and Country Planning System agreed by Government through the Localism Act. This provides the community with an opportunity to influence the planning and development of their area by producing a statutory planning document. Once made the document will be used to help inform decisions in relation to future planning applications across the parishes. The Neighbourhood Plan will allow those who live, work and have a business in the area to have a say on:

- The most appropriate locations for new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities and other developments
- What type of development is needed & how it should look
- Which important green spaces and other important areas should be protected
- What improvements or additions to local facilities and services will be required alongside any development

Why are we considering producing a plan?

The planning system helps decide what gets built, where and when. In theory, planning was always intended to give local communities a say in decisions that affect them. In practice, however, people have often found it hard to get their voice heard.

The Neighbourhood Planning process will result in the production of a legally recognised document which will be used to ensure that the needs of the local community are fully considered when assessing future planning applications and proposed developments within the area.

A Neighbourhood Plan will provide a great opportunity for you to have more influence on how Bagworth, Thornton, Merry Lees and Stanton-Under-Bardon will change over time. Your local knowledge and good sense of what should be protected and what needs to change can now really make a difference.

Who is producing the plan?

The production of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-Under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is being led by Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council in partnership with Stanton-Under-Bardon Parish Council. The Neighbourhood Plan will be formulated by a Steering Group comprising members of both Parish Councils and local volunteers who live, work or do business in the area.

The success of the plan will rely on ongoing input and support from local residents, businesses, land owners, and other organisations active within the Parishes.

Opportunities will be provided for ALL members of the community to participate in the production of the plan.



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