

A Neighbourhood Plan for Aveland

Currently there is no legal/statutory mechanism for community wishes to be considered in the development process. Village Design Statements no longer carry influence. A number of parishes in Aveland are pooling resources to develop a neighbourhood plan. These parishes are Aslackby & Laughton, Rippingale, Dowsby, Dunsby and Pointon & Semperingham.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan

A neighbourhood plan is a community led, evidence based framework for guiding future development, regeneration and conservation of a designated area. It covers a wide range of issues but forms part of the statutory development plan for an area. This means that a plan developed by the community FOR the community bears considerable weight in the planning process. It's a really important tool for communities to gain significant influence over how they develop.

Why develop a Neighbourhood Plan

National planning policy defines development and growth in this country, but it is local communities who understand their needs and aspirations. Often these are overlooked by planners. A Neighbourhood Plan brings these wishes into a statutory document which must be considered when any development is proposed.

When do we need to do this?

The process has started, and your local parish councils have combined to take this project forward. The SKDC Local Plan should be completed by Late 2017, and we would hope to have a neighbourhood plan to cover our area at around the same time. This plan will cover our community's development for the next 25 years. It is vitally important that we get it right!

How do we do this?

Every aspect of the plan must be formed with direct evidence. The first stage is to prove that our community wants a neighbourhood plan (a group of volunteers will be canvassing shortly to assess this). If the response is positive, we can make an application to define the area this will cover.

Regular meetings will take place as we work to gather all the evidence for shaping our community. We need everyone's input and if you have expertise, or a desire to shape your community, we would urge you to get involved. Everyone has the opportunity to influence this process.

The future of YOUR community is in your hands! Find out more on your village website. Or here: <http://www.rippingalevillage.co.uk/NPlan-home.htm>