



## **Loxley Neighbourhood Development Plan**

### **REPORT ON THE PUBLIC MEETING**

*Held on Monday 22nd February 2016 at 7.00 pm at The Fox Public House in Loxley*

75 residents including the Steering Group attended the meeting. There were two apologies for absence.

#### **2. Agenda and format of the Meeting**

The meeting was formally opened by Peter Morris who welcomed the residents and thanked Richard and Susannah Saul for hosting the evening at The Fox. He then individually introduced the members of the NDP Steering Group. He was followed by Glynn Jones who outlined the context and, step-by-step the process for applying for an NDP as well as its legal status once the process is completed.

Philip Seccombe, a SDC Councillor, then explained the rationale behind the Stratford Core Strategy, stating why it had taken so long for it to be ratified. He expressed the hope that the Strategy would be ratified by the inspectorate by June or July 2016 when it would be given statutory status. He also reported that as service villages, of which Loxley is one, had already almost fulfilled their quota (1900 out of 2000) of new housing, it was possible there would be no need for further development in Loxley.

There then followed two discussion sessions led by Peter Coote and David Brazendale where the residents were invited to record on stick-it notes, firstly, their aspirations for the parish and, secondly, any comments or concerns they had for the future of the parish. Each session was followed by feedback from the two leading the sessions.

The meeting concluded with Peter Morris thanking everybody for their contributions and informing the participants that the Group would be using the results to inform the content of a survey that all residents would be receiving. He explained the importance of observing the democratic process to the eventual success of the NDP. The participants were then asked to return the proformas with their contact details, expressions of interest in supporting the work of the Group and any feedback on the meeting.

The meeting formally concluded at 8.20 pm.

### **3. Contact and Evaluation Forms**

39 of the Contact and Evaluation forms were completed and returned.

7 residents indicated a willingness to help the work of the Steering Group.

### **4. Outcomes from the Meeting**

The comments and concerns written on stick-it notes were collected in at the end of the meeting. The numbers in brackets after each point below indicate the number of the same, or similar, responses made. The points with the most responses are listed first, otherwise the points are listed in no particular order.

#### ***A. What residents value about Loxley Residents value Loxley's:?***

- (a) Rural location as well as its proximity to town and its good transport links (5)
- (b) Small size and it not being over developed (4)
- (c) Friendly, close and welcoming community with a good support network (4)
- (d) Quiet and peaceful location (3)
- (e) Green spaces and country views (3)
- (f) Safe environment especially for children to play out in (3)
- (g) Beautiful aspect
- (h) Parish church
- (i) School which brings life and a sense of community to the village
- (j) Absence of street lights

#### ***B. What people would like to keep or see in the future?***

Residents would like Loxley to:

- (a) Have a better community spirit (2)
- (b) Keep its existing facilities eg. school, pub, bus routes
- (c) Keep its small size
- (d) Provide support for residents so they don't become isolated

#### ***C. Concerns and Actions Desired?***

##### ***Traffic - Concerns***

Residents expressed concern at the:

- (a) Increase in through traffic as a result of new developments locally including the new Sainsburys in Wellesbourne (7)
- (b) Cars parked on footpaths and by bends (5)
- (c) Speed of traffic through the village with resultant risk to property (3)
- (d) Inadequacy of the current measures to control traffic speed (3)
- (e) Condition of the roads in the Parish

- (f) Bridleways being unsafe for horses because of the increasing amount of traffic
- (g) Number of cyclists racing through the village and the potential for accidents

#### *Traffic - Actions Desired*

Residents would like Loxley to have:

- (a) More traffic calming measures, not just in village but on the outskirts as well even if this means having street lighting (9)
- (b) A footpath and cycle path along the Loxley Road in both directions from Loxley but especially by the church (3)
- (c) A 20 mph speed limit on the approaches to the school (2)
- (d) A traffic order to be in place for 7.5 tons?
- (e) Double yellow lines on the main road through the village
- (f) The road widened by the Church

#### *Development - Concerns*

Residents expressed concern over the following issues:

- (a) Loxley becoming a small town and being swallowed up by the 'urban sprawl' from both Stratford and Wellesbourne (8)
- (b) Inappropriate new 'infill' development making housing too concentrated (3)
- (c) Increased traffic as a result of more housing development in Loxley (2)
- (d) The risk of flooding due to the reduction of run-off areas due to new development (2)
- (e) The destruction, as a consequence of more development, of Loxley's rural, green nature which is the reason people want to live here.
- (f) The need for appropriate infrastructure if there is to be further development
- (g) Loxley being unable to cope with the pressures of development
- (h) Existing houses losing some of their value as a result of more development.

#### *Development - Actions Desired*

Residents stated preferences for the following:

- (a) More affordable homes to suit local demand especially from younger people and
- (b) To allow small developments, no more than 4 houses together, to keep village and school thriving. (5)
- (c) To only allow linear development to retain the current layout and character of the
- (d) Mixed housing (2 - 5 bedrooms) so not all social housing
- (e) No affordable housing
- (f) Keep the 'Green Belt' around Loxley
- (g) No further development in order to retain the 'small community' character of the

### *Services and Facilities - Concerns*

Residents expressed concern over the following:

- (a) Poor public transport
- (b) The cost effectiveness of the school when there are other schools available locally with better facilities
- (c) The provision of healthcare with the increasing pressure on Wellesbourne surgery
- (d) The risk of the pub closing

### *Services and Facilities - Actions Desired*

Residents expressed support for the following:

- (a) Better bus links eg. to Wellesbourne and Leamington (7)
- (b) A village hall or community hub (6)
- (c) Better public footpaths and rights of way (4)
- (d) A local shop or somewhere to get basics (3)
- (e) The village school staying open and being sustainable (3)
- (f) The need for a village defibrillator (2)
- (g) Street lighting not wanted (2)
- (h) A doctors' surgery
- (i) A bus shelter
- (j) A gas supply in village
- (k) A tarmac path from Goldicote Road road to play area gate
- (l) Better broadband coverage
- (m) Better mobile coverage
- (n) Support for the upkeep of the tennis court
- (o) Marketing of walks around Loxley
- (p) Street lighting wanted

### ***Other Issues Raised***

Residents also raised the following concerns and issues:

- (a) Potential risk of undesirable people moving into the village
- (b) Crime prevention
- (c) Dustbins left on pavements overnight
- (d) Stones from drives spreading on to pavements and roads
- (e) Limited finance for the Parish to self-fund improvement measures
- (f) Hedge maintenance
- (g) People neglecting their property
- (h) More trees in the High Street

(i) Overhead electricity cables

(j) Damage to 'Neen Moores' memorial sign on the village green.