
East Markham

Neighbourhood Plan



UPDATE 1

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Welcome

... to the first newsletter from the village neighbourhood plan team. This edition contains background information about neighbourhood planning, a brief status update, and a survey to allow residents to influence the content of their local plan.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Since 2011, communities have been able to produce a document containing policies to help shape and deliver new development in the local area. This is a neighbourhood plan and the document has to be produced in a specific way.

Neighbourhood plans set out a vision for an area and contain planning policies for the use and development of land. A neighbourhood plan is developed to help guide development, rather than to prevent it. Policies cover local issues rather than strategic issues. A plan can help to maintain the character of communities and ensure that agreed local needs are met.

Communities decide the content of their local plan but policies often relate to...

- The development of housing including affordable housing.
- The design of buildings.
- Provision for businesses to setup or expand their premises.
- The restriction of certain types of development and change of use, e.g. to avoid too much of one type of use.
- Transport and access (including issues around roads, cycling, walking and access for disabled people).
- The development of schools, places of worship, health facilities, leisure and entertainment facilities, community and youth centres and village halls.
- Protection and creation of open space, nature reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens, and the planting of trees.
- Protection of important buildings and historic assets such as archaeological remains.
- Promotion of renewable energy projects, such as solar energy and wind turbines.

A plan is developed in partnership with the parish council, community groups, the local authority, statutory consultees, residents and local businesses. It must conform with national planning policy and the core strategy produced by the district council. Once the plan has been adopted by local planning authority it then has a legal status and becomes a statutory document used when determining planning applications.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a financial charge set by local authorities and paid by developers undertaking new building projects. In 2013 the government introduced legislation requiring local authorities to pass 25 per cent of CIL payments to communities that have a neighbourhood plan.

Will East Markham have a Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes. At a public meeting in 2013 residents voted to proceed with a neighbourhood plan. The plan is not being developed by the parish council. Instead, a group of eight volunteers from the parish have formed a steering group that will undertake much of the necessary work. The plan, once produced, must be approved by a majority of residents in a village referendum.

East Markham parish is bigger than you may think! The neighbourhood plan will cover the entire parish which includes not only East Markham itself but homes and businesses at Askham Sidings, Sibthorpe Hill, and on the southbound side of the Markham Moor roundabouts.

What are the current activities?

The steering group is researching the views of residents, community groups, and local businesses in order to establish the scope of the village neighbourhood plan.

A drop-in session held at the village hall during October 2013 was attended by many residents and valuable information was recorded and summarised. A survey form is now being distributed in order to obtain the views of those residents who were not able to attend the drop-in session. If you can, please complete the attached survey form and place it in the envelope in the village hall foyer. If you are not able to return the form to the village hall, please get in touch (see below) and we will make alternative arrangements.

From Tuesday 28th January to Saturday 1st February, representatives from the steering group will be distributing this newsletter and the survey form in the village hall foyer at the Markham Players Pantomime. We will be happy to answer questions about the neighbourhood plan process.

How do I contact the Neighbourhood Plan team?

You may already know a steering group member. If so, speak to them. The volunteers are David Dodds, Dan Littlewood, Valerie Littlewood, Peter Nettleton, Richard Parkin, Malcolm Peate, Mark Priddle, and Andrew Ridgway,

Send an e-mail to 'neighbourhoodplan@eastmarkham.org.uk'.

Visit the village hall between 10:00am and midday on a Tuesday morning. A steering group member may be present and, if not, the parish council clerk will deal with your enquiry.

Come along to a steering group meeting. These take place monthly in the village hall. Meeting dates and times are publicised on a noticeboard in the hall.

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SURVEY

1. What do you like about East Markham?

2. What do you dislike about East Markham?

3. How do you think the village could be improved?

4. How important is it for the neighbourhood plan to address future development in the following areas?
(1 = Not Important, 5 = Very Important)

Housing (Type, Location & Design)	1	2	3	4	5
Businesses and Employment	1	2	3	4	5
Transport (Roads, Public Transport, Cycling)	1	2	3	4	5
Community Facilities (Hall, School, Energy Projects)	1	2	3	4	5
Environment (Public Open Spaces, Footpaths, Habitats)	1	2	3	4	5

5. I am resident in East Markham. YES NO

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