

Rudby Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Personal Details

We need to ask you for some personal details to validate that respondents have a relevant interest in the Regulation 14 consultation.

Please Note: *Anonymous submissions will not be accepted as a Regulation 14 submission. Please provide your name and postcode which will only be used in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan. Submissions may be published on the Neighbourhood Plan website as part of the evidence base of the Plan after the consultation is complete. By submitting this survey, you consent to your personal data being used for this purpose. If you don't want to provide your details, we will be unable to include your submission in the consultation. Submissions should be made by an individual person. Other household members should complete their own response.*

Please Confirm your Full Name.

Given Name

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Postcode

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Please tell us your reason(s) for participating in this survey

| Select all that are applicable | | | |
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| Live in Rudby Parish | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | *Own a Business in Rudby Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Own Property in Rudby Parish | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | *Represent an organisation based in Rudby Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Work in Rudby Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> | *None of the above | <input type="checkbox"/> |

***If you are responding on behalf of a Business or Organisation, please provide its name.**

***If you responded: 'None of the above', please explain the reason for your interest in the Rudby Neighbourhood Plan**

Vision Statement

The Neighbourhood Plan vision statement was developed in community workshops and endorsed by the results of a community questionnaire. It states:

The Parish will develop, but retain its unique identity, and be a strong, sustainable rural community with a thriving village at its heart. The village will remain distinct in character from nearby market towns and suburbs.

Objectives

1. **Housing:** To provide safe places to live which provide the mix of sizes, types and tenures which meet identified Parish housing needs.
2. **Built Environment:** To provide a good quality built environment incorporating Green Spaces and Green Infrastructure Corridors which retains the distinctive character of the Parish, and protects its heritage.
3. **Natural Environment:** To protect and enhance the Natural Environment and biodiversity, and mitigate the adverse impacts of development and climate change.
4. **Community:** To enable opportunities for social connection and social inclusion, and to sustain and enhance local services to ensure access for all groups of the population to leisure, recreation, health and education facilities which are viable at a village scale and which promote health and wellbeing.
5. **Economy:** To sustain existing employment and commercial services within the Parish, and to encourage establishment of new businesses of appropriate type and scale for the village and the surrounding rural area.
6. **Traffic & Transport:** To mitigate the adverse impacts of motor vehicles by good road design and where practical by encouraging safe alternatives to the use of private cars.

| Do you support or oppose the vision statement? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
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| Select one option. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Do you support or oppose the Neighbourhood Plan objectives? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
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| Select one option. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

***If you respond 'oppose' to either of these questions or to any of the policies questions which follow please explain your reasons in the comment box at the end of the response form.**

Rudby Neighbourhood Plan Policies (RNP)

The Neighbourhood Plan is put into effect through its Policies. These designate land for development or for protection, or set out requirements and decision criteria for planning applications. The full text of the proposed Policies and their justifications are set out in the Consultation Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan which can be:

- Downloaded from <http://www.rudbyparishcouncil.org.uk/NP-consultation.php>; or
- Inspected at The Hub, Northside, Hutton Rudby during its normal opening hours; or
- Inspected at Information Events to be held during the consultation period.

You will now be presented with a summary statement on what each policy aims to achieve, and then you will be asked whether you support or oppose the policy. There are 15 policies.

RNP1 - Sustainable Development

This policy positions the Neighbourhood Plan policies within the wider planning framework. If the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, it will become part of the statutory development plan for the Parish, together with Hambleton's adopted Local Plan and national policies.

| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
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| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP2 - Design Principles

This policy sets out design requirements for development in the Parish which focus on local character, climate change, and 'lifetime homes'.

| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
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| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP3 - Housing Provision

This policy proposes an allocation of land south of Paddocks End for the development of approximately 25 homes to meet Parish housing need. It sets out the location, scale, and key features for the development. **I oppose this because I feel that it is unnecessary development.**

| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
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| Select one option. | | ✓ | | |

RNP4 - Windfall Housing

This policy sets out requirements for small scale developments whether as infill, on the edge of villages or in the open countryside. **I oppose this unless it is less than 5 houses.**

| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
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| Select one option. | | ✓ | | |

RNP5 - Affordable Housing

This policy sets out a requirement for local people to be given priority access to new affordable housing developed in the Parish.

| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
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| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP6 - Redevelopment of Redundant Buildings in the Countryside

This policy provides support for the conversion of redundant buildings to uses which will enhance the rural economy.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP7 -Safeguarding and Improvement of Community Facilities

This policy aims to secure the long-term future of facilities which are valued by the community.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP8 - Communication Technology

This policy aims to ensure that new developments are suitably equipped to support domestic needs, home working, and the rural economy.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP9 - The Transport Network and Parking Provision

This policy seeks to minimise any adverse impacts from parking arising from new development (particularly in the Conservation Area), and to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP10 - Natural Environment and Landscape

This policy provides protection for areas and natural assets which are important to the setting and character of the Parish.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP11 - Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure

This policy sets out requirements for developments to protect and enhance biodiversity.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP12 - The Leven Valley

This policy sets out requirements aimed at protecting the special character of the Leven Valley.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP13 - Local Green Space

This policy provides protection for green spaces identified as being special to the community.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP14 - Significant Views

The policy seeks to safeguard views identified as being special to the community from being harmed by development.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

RNP15 - Protection and Enhancement of the Conservation Area

This policy sets out requirements for development in the Conservation Area aimed at protecting and enhancing its character and appearance.

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| Do you Support or Oppose this policy? | Support | Oppose * | Neither support or oppose | Don't know |
| Select one option. | | | | ✓ |

***If you responded 'oppose' to any of the questions on Vision, Objectives or Policies please explain your reasons in the comment box at the end of the response form.**

Most of my answers are “don't know” as, until actual plans are drawn up, I really don't know what my response is.

Comments

Do you have any comments or observations on the Neighbourhood Plan that you would like to make?

Hutton Rudby's Neighbourhood plan should be in accordance with the emerging Hambleton local plan. The proposed plan is not, for the following reasons:

- a. Policy S2 of the emerging local plan identifies that at least 6,615 new homes, made up of both market and affordable, need to be provided over the plan period. **Paragraph 3.15 reports that the council has identified sufficient land to meet the assessed needs for both affordable and market value housing from their strategic and existing land allocations.**
- b. Policy S4 of the emerging local plan provides that "there is no requirement for housing development to be allocated in neighbourhood plans to meet identified district level requirements.
- c. The Council will expect communities preparing neighbourhood plans to identify local development requirements, and to address them in their plans where possible, reflecting the overall strategy set out in this plan for the pattern and scale of development and any allocations." **Accordingly any site allocated within the neighbourhood plan should be of a size to only provide for the needs of the village itself.**
- d. The development at Paddocks End was specifically justified on the basis of providing the affordable housing needs of the village.
- e. The Neighbourhood Plan itself accepts that Policy S4 is the basis on which any housing allocation should be made.
- f. Paragraph 91 of the Neighbourhood Plan states that it "seeks to direct windfall development towards the most suitable locations and to deliver a mix more in line with Parish housing needs." This statement is utterly self-contradictory. If a site is "windfall" then it is not, by definition, a planned site. This assertion undermines the whole basis on which the Neighbourhood Plan is based. Although later paragraphs seek to justify this statement, they appear to be based on a premise that windfall sites cannot be delivered in the village except in an edge of development location. No justification is provided for such a bold assumption.
- g. The two housing needs assessments for the village which have been carried out suggested that between 46 and 51 houses would be needed in the parish. The currently allocated sites provide 40 units already. No allowance is then made for windfall sites, although these are reported as being 15 over the past three years, so some allowance would be

justified. These sites alone therefore provide the full requirement for the village, even more if one considers that the recently lapsed planning permission was not included within the list of extant planning permissions. It would be quite conceivable that this would be resurrected at a future date.

- h. Despite a quite consistent attempt to hide the fact, the Neighbourhood Plan proposes a significant over-supply of both affordable and market housing in the parish. This is not in accordance with the emerging local plan.
- i. Further the Neighbourhood Plan talks about providing a footpath from their proposed new development to Langbaugh Road, but such a path would cross land not included within the proposed release and which the developers would be unable to guarantee. The inclusion of this path is, at best, a red herring to make the site appear more attractive.
- j. The Neighbourhood Plan does not demonstrate how the proposed development site achieves any of the aims of the community as set out in Appendix B of the document.
- k. The site selection process itself seems to have been applied in a very arbitrary manner. For instance, the proposed new site is rated green for accessibility to local facilities as it is close to the shop. This is correct, (although it should be noted that the shop is the one facility in the village that has dedicated car parking and is a commercial venture over which we have no control). However, no account has been taken of the fact that it is about as far from the doctors/churches/public houses and village green in Hutton Rudby as it is possible to get. The criteria appear to have been applied in an extremely selective way to justify the result that the authors of the plan wanted to reach, rather than the evidence guiding the decision as to which would be the most appropriate site for development should one be needed.

For all of these reasons the proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan are flawed. Also, for environmental reasons, the best way for this land is to leave it as the historic field that it is.

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