



After a lengthy delay the Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan is now back on track. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is pleased to announce that a draft plan is now ready for your feedback. This six-week consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is the last time we will be asking people for comments before submitting the plan to Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council. All responses received by 15th December will be considered by the Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and may be utilised to amend the Draft Plan.

View a copy of the Draft Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan on the Parish Council website at:

<http://www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.co.uk/Pages/117/Draft+Neighbourhood+Plan>

A paper copy of the draft plan can be viewed at Loggerheads Library and Loggerheads Fire Station (by appointment 01630 673426) or at the drop-in session in Loggerheads on **Friday 8th December at Loggerheads Library & at the Fire Station from 3-6pm.**

DRAFT PLANNING POLICIES

The Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan contains policies for future development of this parish. Once “made”, it is part of the statutory development plan for the area and decisions on future development must be made in accordance with the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The policies are in 5 themes: Housing growth & mix, Heritage & place; Transport & movement; Sport, health & community facilities; and economy.

==== Strategy for future development====

Following a careful assessment of the evidence and responses from public consultation, the planning strategy in the Neighbourhood Plan focuses on well-designed development to meet identified needs.

This includes housing within the built up area of Loggerheads village and Ashley, whilst protecting and enhancing the character of the villages and the surrounding countryside. Some development will be allowed outside of these settlements, such as infill housing development, or employment development of brownfield sites and involving use of redundant buildings in other parts of the parish.



The plan enables development that enhances the economy or provides much needed community and recreational facilities, without having a detrimental impact on the heritage and landscape of the area.

The strategy is to ensure that new developments of multiple housing units, include a mix of housing to reflect local need. This includes one or two bedroom properties and ensuring that affordable housing is provided as an integral part of development, rather than being provided remotely. This is evidenced in the Housing Needs Assessment for Loggerheads.

The strategy is also to ensure new development does not exacerbate congestion or have a negative impact on road safety. Creating opportunities for walking, cycling and for using public transport and creating new routes where needed are important aims. Designation of Local Green Space provides protection against development for green areas that have been judged to be of particular importance to local communities, using the criteria in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The strategy includes creation of employment opportunities within the parish, facilitating home working and reducing the need to travel. New development should be equipped for current communication needs.