

ORWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - update

The last few months have shown significant progress in the development of our plan. In particular, two very important documents have been completed: The Housing Needs Assessment and the Design Guidance and Codes. Considerable work has been put into these documents by the Steering Group ably supported by Cambridgeshire ACRE. Both documents can be downloaded from the web site: orwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

The Housing Needs Assessment sets out the direction of development of housing in the village and as such embodies the fundamental nature of development of housing we in the community wish to see in the future. The Design Guidance and Codes describes the very nature of development and how it must properly integrate with the existing properties in the village, with due consideration of the broader context of the parish, including the type of properties here and the various key views we enjoy throughout the village.

These documents are very important in informing the final policies embodied in our neighbourhood plan.

In addition the Steering Group has initiated 4 important projects:

- ◆ Examining flood risk, including issues of water and sewerage infrastructure, which are an important aspect of future development.
- ◆ Biodiversity and the natural environment, an activity to include a Landscape character assessment.
- ◆ Getting around in the village. This will include paths, cycling access and will also look at accessibility issues for the disabled.
- ◆ Spatial Strategy.

These projects will be an important part of the context of the plan, together with the outcome of our workshop conducted in February. As we move towards the final stages of the plan, which we hope to complete early next year ready for submission to South Cambs for their input, we will be undertaking our next phase of community engagement.

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To this end, we are producing a Vision Statement describing what we see as the desired vision for what Orwell is and what it should be. We will then be getting in touch with everyone on the village and encouraging specific feedback on a number of issues. This will be a very important opportunity for you to make your input, whatever you think is important in our village. Engagement with the community is an essential aspect of our work as it very important that our plan fully embodies the aspirations and concerns of the whole community. Please feel free to provide any feedback on any of the issues of concern to you in the village on my email address:

mark@orwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Thank you in anticipation of your input to Orwell's Neighbourhood Plan.

The latest information regarding our activities is always available on our website

orwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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