

Submission Version

Isleham Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation Statement – November 2021



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Section 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Accordingly, this Consultation Statement contains the following information:
- details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan (hereinafter the 'Isleham Neighbourhood Plan')
 - an explanation as to how they were consulted
 - a summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - a description as to how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan

There is no escape from the fact that this plan was put together and its related consultation largely undertaken during a period when the entire country was under either full or partial lockdown due to the covid pandemic. Social distancing made face to face engagement with residents and other stakeholders extremely difficult.

Similarly, the village was and continues to be faced with the highly controversial construction of an 1800-acre solar farm on its doorstep and residents were being requested to participate in several surveys at the same time relating to this matter. We believe that this combination of factors explains why there were relatively low levels of engagement at certain stages of this planning and consultation process.

The planning group has however undertaken all necessary consultation in a reasonable and proportionate manner and we genuinely believe that all consultees were given sufficient opportunities to both contribute to and respond to this plan.

- 1.2 Community and stakeholder engagement has been an integral part of the Neighbourhood Plan making process. The consultation activity can however be broken down in four key stages as follows:

Stage	Description	Time Period
1	Inception. Neighbourhood Plan Committee and focussed groups established	August 2017 – December 2018
2	Initial plan development including evidence gathering, initial consultation and draughting of section 2	January 2019 – July 2020
3	Advanced Plan development (policy writing)	July 2020 – April 2021
4	Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation	May 2021 September 2021

It is important to stress that many responses to our consultation process were duplicated in different stages of consultation. Our response and where appropriate action towards these issues are identified in the section referencing our statutory consultation period.

Specific contributions were made from a number of residents outside of the Parish Council including Mrs Anne Noble & Mr Alastair Burn as well as local groups most notably: the friends of Isleham Nature Reserve and Isleham Historic Society

- 1.3 This consultation statement provides an overview of the activity which took place at each of these stages.

Section 2. General overview of approach to consultation

- 2.1 The Isleham Neighbourhood Plan has been developed for the community by the community. In August 2017 Isleham Parish Council first announced the establishment of a Neighbourhood Planning Committee to oversee the production of the Plan. Although this group has met together regularly throughout this period the different sections of this plan have been largely completed by various action groups containing councillors, residents and specialist advisors as well as by individual members of the working group. Isleham Parish Council has retained overall responsibility for the development of this Neighbourhood Plan throughout this period
- 2.2 In preparing the Isleham Neighbourhood Plan the Planning Committee has endeavoured to keep residents and other stakeholders informed of its proposed contents and progress and to encourage participation as widely as possible.
- 2.3 A separate page on the Parish Council website was set up to host relevant news, consultation survey results, evidence documents as well as the Regulation 14 version draft of the Isleham Neighbourhood Plan. In order to encourage public participation, the Neighbourhood Plan Committee ran as an open meeting so that the public could fully partake in discussions. All meeting Agenda's and Minutes are published on the Parish Council website and Isleham News Facebook Group page.
- 2.4 Two particular sources of media proved to be particularly useful in sharing information and seeking the views of stakeholders:
- The Isleham News Facebook page. This page has a current membership of 3931 people out of an adult population
 - The Isleham Informer magazine. This magazine is published at least four times per year and is delivered to every household within the Parish
- 2.5 Isleham Parish Council regularly considered and contributed to the progress and strategic direction of the plan and meetings are always open to members of the public. The agenda for such meetings is published at least 5 days in advance in a range of publicly accessible locations including two parish noticeboards and on the Isleham News Facebook page.

In addition to identified discussions of the Neighbourhood Plan members of the public have an identified 'open' opportunity to comment on all parish matters (including the Isleham Neighbourhood Plan) at the start of each meeting.

<u>Section 3. Inception Stage August 2017 – December 2018</u> Timeline of milestones, information sharing and opportunities for public contribution		See appendix
June 2017	Initial IPC meeting- discussion on need for a Neighbourhood plan	18
Aug 2017	IPC meeting – Establishment of NP form (steering group)	18
Aug 2017	Article in Isleham Informer inviting residents to be part of a steering group	2
Dec 2017	IPC meeting – Introduction to Neighbourhood Plans - Led by Mark Deas	18
Jan 2018	IPC meeting – Consideration of the logistics of establishing a steering group, likely contributions and sharing via APM	18
Jan 2018	Planning group meeting 1 - vision setting, roles and responsibilities incl direct suggestion from resident	
April 2018	Annual Parish Meeting including contributions by Mark Dias	3
Jun 2018	Planning group meeting 2 - division of responsibilities	
Aug 2018	Planning group meeting 3 - consider contributions to date and identify further actions	
Sept 2018	Planning group meeting 4 - further consideration of contributions to date and identify further actions	

- 3.1 The East Cambridgeshire Local Plan was first adopted in April 2015. This identified a total of 5 sites for residential development in Isleham. Although our 2019 Housing Needs Survey indicated no need to identify any further sites, the overriding response from residents throughout our consultation period was the need for more genuinely affordable housing. We have therefore identified an extended site on Fordham Road for this purpose
- 3.2 Although the proposed Development Envelope largely mirrors that identified in the 2015 Local Plan a small number of amendments have been made. See appendix 18. These changes reflect the fact that several planning applicants had already been approved which were beyond the published development envelope. It therefore deemed appropriate to extend the relevant area of the envelope.
- 3.3 During the period August 2017- March 2019 the Committee undertook a wide range of information seeking and completing various procedural matters including learning more about the Neighbourhood Plan process, engaging with professional support including Cambridgeshire Acre, registering the Neighbourhood Plan Area with the District Council and devising a purposeful action plan.
- 3.4 It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2018 would be a good opportunity for a Neighbourhood Plan 'launch' and an invitation to attend was published in the Isleham Informer and hand delivered to all houses within the parish. Mark Deas formerly of Cambridgeshire Acre led a discussion on the purposes of establishing a Neighbourhood plan Although this meeting attracted only a relatively small number of residents, several people made commitments to join the steering group.
- 3.5 As a result of further advertising (including some targeting of residents with known professional expertise) the size and contributions made to Neighbourhood Planning Committee grew from just 7 in July 2018 to 13 in September 2018 .
- 3.6 The draft Vision and Objectives were tested via direct consultation with residents by means of presentation at the steering group meeting in January 2018. Specific knowledge, skills and expertise gained by the growth of the steering group included areas such as:
- Local history
 - Environment (esp footpaths, flora & fauna – green spaces)
 - Conservation (member subsequently received an MBE for his services to conservation!)
 - Telecommunications &
 - Policy writing

This was also due to form the Parish Council stall at the Annual gala in July 2020 but this was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid

<u>Section 4. Initial Plan Development</u> <u>January 2019 – July 2020</u>		see appendix
Timeline of milestones, information sharing and opportunities for public contribution		
Jan 2019	Articles on Isleham news Facebook page & in Isleham Informer magazine announcing proposal to produce a plan and initial consultation on residents' views about living in Isleham	1b,
Jan 2019	Articles on Isleham news Facebook page & in Isleham Informer magazine inviting residents to complete initial consultation on views about living in Isleham	4
Feb 2019	Formal application submitted to ECDC for designation of Neighbourhood Plan	
May 2019	Annual Parish Meeting. Chairs report included a briefing and further invitation to become involved	5
May 2019	Establishment of initial Action Plan incl community engagement strategy	6 & 10
June 2019	Planning group meeting 5	
July 2019	Planning group meeting 6 - Project inception	
July 2019	Planning group meeting 7	
July 2019	Focussed invites sent to residents having known areas of skills and expertise, inviting their involvement	
Aug 2019	Planning group meeting 8 - vision setting & initial consideration of consultation strategy	
Aug 2019	Feedback from initial survey & inviting contributions	7
Sep 2019	Planning group meeting 9 - public contribution re affordable housing	
Oct 2019	IPC meeting – establishment of a Village - Character Assessment	18
Nov 2019	IPC meeting – Successful funding application	18
Dec 2019	Planning group meeting 10	
Dec 2019	Housing Needs Survey	8a-c, 18
Jan 2020	Planning group meeting 11- Consideration of responses to initial survey and finalising of vision and objectives	
Jan 2020	Further inviting contributions Isleham Informer	9
Jan 2020	IPC meeting – Update on progress to date	18
Feb 2020	Planning group meeting 12 – Consultation strategy agreed	10
Mar 2020	IPC meeting – Proposed consultation event	18
Mar 2020	Planning group meeting 13 - Policy writing	
Mar 2020	Planned public consultation meeting cancelled due to Covid Consultation Workshop questions March 2020	18
July 2020	Planning group meeting 14	

4.1 One of the earliest documents established by the steering group was a Community Engagement Strategy. (see appendix 10) Although based on a model document produced by Cambridgeshire Acre this was customised to reflect the demographics of Isleham.

4.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Committee and steering group followed professional advice from Mark Deas (Cambridgeshire Acre) to hold an 'early engagement' survey with Isleham residents. See appendix 4 In addition to raising awareness of our plan this survey sought to obtain a steer of key priorities for the parish, which could be used as a structure for further research, evidence gathering and consultation. Using the advice in the Locality Road Map, the survey was purposefully wide ranging to allow themes to emerge organically and included questions relating to:

- the physical environment in the village
- things residents liked / disliked about living in Isleham
- facilities and infrastructure
- sense of community
- local transport
- changes they would like to see made
- priorities for the Neighbourhood Plan

- 4.2 This survey was printed in hard copy via a full-page article in The Isleham Informer magazine and delivered to every house in Isleham. Residents were given 8 weeks to complete this survey
- 4.3 87 completed forms were returned. Appendix 4 is a copy of the survey leaflet. Appendix 1b identifies the key issues resulting from this survey and although it is fair to say that some of these were not relevant to a Neighbourhood Plan the issue of the lack of infrastructure to support village growth was a significant and reoccurring issue among those responding to the survey. This therefore formed a major element of our vision and policies contained within this plan.

<u>Section 5. Advanced Plan Development</u> <u>August 2020 - April 2021</u> Timeline of milestones, information sharing and opportunities for public contribution		See appendix
July 2020	Planning group meeting 15 (Zoom) - Policy writing and review	
Aug 2020	IPC meeting - Update on progress	18
Aug 2020	Planning group meeting with local architects re policy 2	11
Sept 2020	Planning group meeting 16 - Policy writing and review	
Sept 2020	Planning group meeting with senior ECDC planning officer re policy 1	
Oct 2020	Planning group meeting 17 – Drop-in sessions (3 attendees)	
Nov 2020	Response to comments from ECDC 1	1h
Nov 2020	IPC meeting – changes to NP as a result of the white paper	
Dec 2020	Invitation to see draft plan – Informer article	
Feb 2021	IPC meeting – consider action re ECDC 's initial response	18
Mar 2021	Informer article – advertising consultation	
Mar 2021	IPC meeting – considering response from ECDC	18
Apr 2021	IPC meeting – consideration to Housing Growth policy and development envelope	18
Apr 2021	Response to comments from ECDC 2	1k
May 2021	IPC Meeting – further consideration to Housing Growth Policy	18
Sept 2021	Informer article - appreciation for responses	15
Oct 2021	IPC Meeting – further consideration of responses to statutory consultation	18

5.1 Policy development was undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group under the headings of the six aims for this plan. Specifically:

1. the **history** of our village will be honoured and maintained, *with new history being recognised and celebrated*
2. Isleham will maintain its visual and physical separation from Fordham and that its place in the **locality** will grow positively in terms of both its independence and its interdependence of other local towns and villages
3. as the **population** of Isleham *inevitably* grows, it will be a place where everyone; feels safe, welcomed, experiences positive wellbeing and is able to contribute to our very special community.
4. the demand for new **housing** will be justified, carefully planned and will have a positive impact on the villages distinctive **character and** semi- rural environment.
5. that the natural **landscape** including footpaths, green spaces and valued views will be protected and where **wildlife, biodiversity and habitats** are able to flourish
6. that as the village experiences **growth**, there will be proportionate improvements to the infra-structure of our village including increased **employment** opportunities and **transport** links

Detailed policy development was also informed by the results of further consultations during 2020-21

<u>Section 6. Regulation 14 Pre-submission Consultation</u> <u>May 2021- date</u> Timeline of milestones, information sharing and opportunities for public contribution		See appendix
May 2021	IPC meeting – consideration of proposed development envelope, growth policy and details of consultation process	18
June 2021	IPC meeting – drawing up list of additional consultees	18
June 2021	Informer article – advertising Reg 14 consultation	14
June 2021	Facebook – Draft plan published on parish website & start of statutory consultation period	14
July 2021	IPC Meeting – proposed consultation period	18
July 2021	Facebook – Formal announcement of statutory consultation & links	
July 2021	Informer article reminding parishioners to complete Reg 14 consultation	15
Aug 2021	Councillors drop-in sessions at the Beeches. Attended by 6 residents	
Aug 2021	IPC meeting – consideration of initial responses to the statutory consultation process	18
Aug 2021	Facebook – reminder to complete consultation	
Sep 2021	Statutory consultation completed	
Oct 2021	IPC meeting – consideration of formal responses and further action development of draft plan	18
Nov 2021	IPC meeting – further documents required by ECDC	18

6.1 Isleham Parish Council undertook a formal pre-submission consultation on the Isleham Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan as required by the Localism Act 2011 and Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2015 (as amended) during the six-week period 1st July 2021 – 1st September 2021. This extension to the normal statutory consultation period was established to help address the challenges faced by the Covid lockdown

Regulation 14 Consultation Stage - Who was consulted and how were they consulted?

6.2 A poster advertising the consultation period was produced and published as part of the June 2021 edition of the Isleham Informer and hand delivered, alongside a pull out insert of the consultation document to all of the houses within the Parish. See appendix 14. Copies of the poster were also placed in prominent positions of:

- The village Post Office
- The Beeches community centre
- The village Coop
- Parish Noticeboards (x2)
- The Parish Office

6.3 The consultation document was also advertised on the Isleham News Facebook page and made available online using the following link <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/tfJE4DXb> and this was promoted via both the Isleham News Facebook page and on the consultation document itself

6.4 The consultation document (see appendix 14)

- Included a summary of the aims and remits associated with Neighbourhood Plans
- Included hyperlinks to:
 - o The full version of our draft Neighbourhood Plan
 - o The ECDC Local Plan
 - o Contact details for the Parish Office, to request individual copies of all documents
 - o Our parish GDPR (data protection) policy
- Was specifically designed to be as open in nature as possible, giving specific opportunities to respond to each of the 11 policies as well as the proposed community projects. This approach allowed a wide range of contributions to be made from the different consultees.

- 6.5 Paper copies of the complete draft plan and the consultation questions were also made available at
- Isleham Post Office
 - The Beeches community Centre
 - The village Coop
 - The Parish Office
- 6.6 To help ensure as many responses as possible a drop-box for hard copy responses was placed in all of the locations identified in 6.5 above
- 6.7 Reminders to submit completed forms were published on the Isleham News Facebook page and in the July edition of the Isleham Informer (see appendix 15)
- 6.8 A public drop-in session ran between 9.00am and 8.00pm on Tuesday 17th August at The Beeches Community Centre. Details of the contributions made by those in attendance can be found in appendix 1f
- 6.9 Regulation 14 b) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires that Isleham Parish Council should consult any Consultation Body set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan.

Accordingly, the following statutory bodies were notified by email of the consultation and were invited to respond (a copy of the standard email is included at Appendix 16).

Table 1. Statutory bodies consulted	
Consultation Body under Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations	Body contacted
(a) where the local planning authority is a London borough council, the Mayor of London;	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
(b) a local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority;	Fenland District Council
	Huntingdonshire District Council
	East Cambridgeshire District Council
	King's Lynn and West Norfolk
	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning
	West Suffolk Council
	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Norfolk County Council
	Suffolk County Council
	Ashley Parish Council
	Bottisham Parish Council
	Brinkley Parish Council
	Burrough Green Parish Council
	Burwell Parish Council
	Cheveley Parish Council
	Chippenham Parish Council
	City of Ely Council
	Coveney Parish Council
	Dullingham Parish Council
	Fordham Parish Council
Haddenham Parish Council	
Kennet Parish Council	
Kirtling Parish Council	
Little Downham Parish Council	
Little Thetford Parish Council	

	Lode Parish Council
	Mepal Parish Council
	Reach Parish Council
	Snailwell Parish Council
	Soham Town Council
	Stetchworth Parish Council
	Stretham Parish Council
	Sutton Parish Councils
	Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council
	Swaffham Prior Parish Council
	Wentworth Parish Council
	Westley Waterless Parish Council
	Wicken Parish Council
	Wilburton Parish Council
	Witcham Parish Council
	Witchford Parish Council
	Wooditton Parish Council
	Beck Row, Holywell Row and Kenny Hill Parish Council
	Carlton Parish Council
	Chatteris Parish Council
	Colne Parish Council
	Cottenham Parish Council
	Cowlinge Parish Council
	Dalham Parish Council
	Earith Parish Council
	Exning Parish Council
	Feltwell Parish Council
	Fen Ditton Parish Council
	Freckenham CP
	Great Bradley Parish Council
	Herringswell Parish Council
	Hilgay Parish Council
	Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council
	Horningsea Parish Council
	Kentford Parish Council
	Lakenheath Parish Council
	Lidgate Parish Council
	Little Wilbraham Parish Council
	Manea Parish Council
	Moulton Parish Council
	Newmarket Town Council
	Ousden Parish Council
	Red Lodge Parish Council
	Southery Parish Council
	Stow cum Quy Parish Council
	Waterbeach Parish Council
	Welney Parish Council
	West Row Parish Council
	Willingham Parish Council
(c) the Coal Authority;	The Coal Authority;
(d) the Homes and Communities Agency;	The Homes and Communities Agency;
(e) Natural England	Natural England
(f) the Environment Agency;	The Environment Agency
(g) Historic England;	Historic England
(h) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

(i) the Highways Agency;	Highways England
(j) the Marine Management Organisation;	Marine Management Organisation
"(k) any person— (i) to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3)(a) of the Communications Act 2003; and (ii) who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority;"	BT Open Reach
	Mobile Operators Association
"(l) where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area— (i) a Primary Care Trust established under section 18 of the National Health Service Act 2006(7) or continued in existence by virtue of that section; (ii) a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989(8); (iii) a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986(9); (iv) a sewerage undertaker; and (v) a water undertaker;"	Anglian Water Services Limited
	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust
	Cambridgeshire County Council (LLFA)
	Cambridgeshire PCT
	Ely Group of Internal Drainage Boards (Middle Fen & Mere IDB)
	National Grid
	NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG
	NHS Property Services Ltd
	UK Power Networks
	Western Power Distribution
(m) voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;	The Beeches Community Centre
	Isleham Cricket Club
	Friends of Isleham Nature Reserve
	Isleham Tennis Club
	Isleham Scouts
	Isleham Pre school
	Isleham (Historic) Society
	Isleham Gala Committee
	Isleham FC
	Isleham United Youth Football Club
	Lady Peyton Allotment Association
	Lady Peyton Charity
	Dunstall Charity
	Fenn and 50 Charity
Isleham Primary School	
Soham Village College	
(n) bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area;	Nil
(o) bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;	Pound Lane Church
	St Andrew's Parish Church
	The Ark Church
(p) bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area; *Specific inclusion where businesses had no known associated residential address	Clarkes Farms
	The Griffin Public House
	The Rising Sun Public House
	The Merry Monk Restaurant
	TFB butchers
	Cambria Farm
	Thoroughbred Doors
	Isleham Tyres

	Neals Travel
	Isleham Coop
	Isleham Post Office
	R Turner Haulage
	Hall Barn Rd Industrial Estate including: - Gas heating Services - Aztek Services - JJ Drake - Original & Reproduction - Pro Altus Industries - Asynt Ltd - Landrite Ltd - Convergence Communications - Universal Garage - AJS Architectural - AK Bodycraft - Screenprint Colourworks - Industrial Site Services - Cambridges Travelling Book Company
(q) bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area	nil

6.8 In addition, as a matter of courtesy and to ensure as wide a range of responses as possible, the following representatives were also contacted directly:

- ECDC Councillor Julia Huffer
- ECDC Councillor Joshua Shumann
- CCC Councillor Mark Goldsack

6.9 Summary of Regulation 14 Consultation responses.

Please see Appendix 1 or for a full copy of all the consultation responses

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/r/An7p3l6Y>

The following responses were received during the consultation period:

Category	Number of responses	Respondees	Demography
Resident's	77		90% on line / 10% paper returns 56% female / 44% Male
Other statutory Consultees (a-q above)	16	Cambridgeshire County Council	19% via on-line survey 75% via emailed acknowledgement 6% via specific emailed response
		Isleham Pre School	
		Wicken Parish Council	
		ECDC	
		Ely Drainage Board	
		The National Grid	
		Natural England	
		Chatteris Parish Council	
		Historic England	
		West Row Parish Council	
		The Coal Authority	
		Cheveley Parish Council	
		Haddenham Parish Council	
		Chippenham Parish Council	
Norfolk County Council			
Freckenham Parish Council			

- 6.10 Responses from residents were highly supportive of our Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan with the vast majority of comments duplicating either comments made by other respondees or reflecting sections already included in the plan (see appendix 1a)
- 6.11 Similarly, responses from other statutory and local consultees were almost exclusively just acknowledgements of our plan (see appendix 1h-1k)
- 6.12 All responses were considered by the steering group during September and October 2021 and recommended changes were considered by the Parish Council at their October and November meetings. See appendix 18
- 6.13 Appendix 1 is a full listing of all the changes to the Consultation Draft Isleham Neighbourhood Plan approved by the Parish Council, which have been incorporated into the text of the Submission Isleham Neighbourhood Plan. The key amendments made to the Plan in response to the comments made during the Regulation 14 consultation are:

Comment	Response
Need for an increased focus on protecting the character of our village	Amendments made to vision and objectives as well as policy 1
The need for improved infrastructure including - consideration for a new Primary School - the need for public toilets	Added to CiL project h Added to CiL project d
The need to have a more defined and effective development envelope	Additions made to Policy 4.1
The need for an increased focus on the development of footpaths to Isleham Nature reserve and Millennium woods	Changes made to section 2.12 and Cil project f
Add St Andrew's Church Social centre to heritage assets	Added to ILIB03
Addition of references to the National Planning Framework	Added to pg 41
Inclusion of local sites for inclusion within the local primary school history curriculum	Cil project h established
Need for focussed opportunities for young adults within the village	Cil Project e established
Need to reference the likely implications of the Sunnica solar project	Statement added to Section 1
Need to include flood risk management	Statements added to page 1o
A wide number of technical changes required by ECDC	Various changes made

Appendix 1 Summary of Contributions and Responses to Various Consultations

	IPC response (Areas in green = action undertaken/ included within the plan)
1a Direct contribution at steering group meeting 1 - January 2018	
Concerns re road safety and need for new measures	Incl 4:10 also covered via LHI bids
1b Initial consultation on residents' views about living in Isleham – January 2019	
Positive things about living in Isleham	
Amount and variety of trees within the village and how they add to our character	Included within Policy 3 & Project f
The service provided by the Co-op	Included within Policy 9
The contribution made by the different Churches to the character, ethos and wellbeing of our village	Included within Policy 5: IV01, IV11 and Policy 6: ILIB02, ILIB03
The quality of the Beeches Community centre and its contribution to the life of our village	Project D
The great sense of community within our village	Included within the overall vision, Objectives 1,3,4 Policy 1b and Policy 4
Negative things about living in Isleham	
The complete lack of public toilets,	See project D
Poor highway surfaces especially the ongoing problem of pothole	Direct action via CCC highways website
Lack of choice for shops and its extremely limited parking	Included within Policy 9 & Project B
Rising crime and distinct lack of police	Direct engagement with police
The need to coordinate / develop more local events	Included within Project f
The volume of cars parked on the public highway and the dangers associated with speeding vehicles	Included within Policy 10 Pursued successive LHI projects 2018-21
General lack of Infrastructure within the village now – capacity for growth	See 2:11 Vision, Objective 6, Policies 1a, 2, 4.8 and our identified CiL projects
Lack of school places including for children already living in the village	See Project h

<p>Housing including the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - build more affordable housing - stop growth into countryside - ensure design is conducive to village character 	<p>Policy 1a: Initial site on Lady Peyton land included as site for rural exception development (affordable housing)</p> <p>Policy 1a: Redefined development envelope protecting the countryside and village conservation area</p> <p>Policy 1b: no multi storey flats</p>
<p>Medical provision – current need to travel to surgeries with no public transport</p>	<p>See Project I</p>
<p>Complete lack of public transport</p>	<p>See Objective 6, 2:2, 2:10, Policy 10 & Project C</p>
<p>1c Direct contribution at steering group meeting 9 – September 2019</p>	
<p>Concerns regarding individual, large scale development incl Bloor homes, Hall Barn Rd, East Rd Ongoing requests for genuine affordable housing</p>	<p>Primarily dealt with via responses to planning process Housing Needs Survey commissioned Inclusion of an extended site on the Lady Peyton land off Fordham Rd (see map 4)</p>
<p>1d Housing Needs Survey December 2019 (see appendix 8c)</p>	
<p>Identified need for 42 Houses affordable housing within the village</p>	<p>Inclusion of extended site on lady Peyton land</p>
<p>1e Steering Group meeting 17. Drop in session October 2020</p>	
<p>Demand for smaller homes and bungalows</p>	<p>See planning responses</p>
<p>Support for provision of office space and flexi-working space</p>	<p>Already available via The Beeches</p>
<p>Support for retaining the rural character of paths and open green spaces</p>	<p>See policy 3</p>
<p>Protection of businesses that are important for the community e.g. Post Office, garage</p>	<p>See policy 6</p>
<p>Rat-running, traffic speed and traffic volume</p>	<p>See LHI projects and policy 10</p>

Consideration of community application for fibre broadband	Discussed at IPC mtg Aug 21 but not deemed feasible
Need for footpath to Nature Reserve & cycle way to Fordham	See 2.11 also Direct project with CCC for footpath to nature reserve and ECDC project for cycleway to Fordham
1f Councillors 'Drop-in' sessions August 2021 (6 attendees)	
Inclusion of an educational programme focussing on sites of local historic interest	See map 10 and project H
1g Residents Comments To Regulation 14 draft Consultation (77 responses) July - Sept 2021	
Q1 Do you have any GENERAL comments you wish to make about this draft plan?	
Strongly supportive especially of environmental aspects	n/c
I think it is very comprehensive & well thought out	n/c
I am pleased to see a steady growth strategy which keeps the fenland characteristics of the village by protecting small farmed fields within the village. I am a little concerned that no mention has been made on the impact of the extra traffic on the Fordham crossroads which is already becoming more busy and dangerous to cross when heading out of the village, this certainly needs looking into.	The plan only covers the Parish of Isleham. Potentially covered under Fordham NP
It seems very comprehensive	n/c
We feel that Isleham already has far too many new houses being put up and is being overdeveloped. We need to make sure that Isleham keeps its character as a village and does not become a town.	see 2.8/ 4.1
Yes	n/c
Well thought out plan	n/c
My one concern is no mention in plans of extending a footpath/cycle path connecting Isleham to Fordham although does propose promoting provision of public transport which is also crucial. Currently anyone without a car has to use a busy and dangerous road for access to Fordham.	see 4.9 & page 31 and 4.10 & pgs 9,18,19 & 52
It seems well thought out and considered for current residents but also to encourage new residents and affordable housing whilst ensuring the village doesn't lose what we love about it.	n/c
No	n/c
There is no link to it!	see bottom of cover page
Yes	n/c
No	n/c
Q2 Do you have any comments to make regarding policy 1a Housing Growth	
Infrastructure such as sewerage works capacity must be increased before further developments	see 2.11/ 4.1 also pages: 6, 18, 19, 22, 26, 27, 31 & 46
Resist backyard development	See 2.8/ 4.1

Agree	n/c
I think as a village we simply can't afford to allow any more housing	see 2.8/ 4.1. zero target
Looking at other village plans alongside our own and the planning applications being considered I think this is a good for Housing Growth. As a small, rather isolated (no proper public transport to talk of), I think the building we have already in the pipeline is already 'doing our bit' towards the bigger picture without putting too much pressure on the road system and local Drs , schools etc.	see 2.11/ 4.8
It is good that limits can be placed on the number of houses	n/c
All community facilities should be replaced or repaired because they are the hub of the community where people can meet up and socialise	New Community centre. Unrealistic to expect all facilities to be replaced
Totally agree with all of that	n/c
No more housing our roads and pavements are bad enough now.	See 2.8/4.1 and 2.11/4.8
Agree that the rural character and setting of the village should remain in tact and our fields should not be swallowed up with houses. The local amenities cannot cope. There are hundreds more people wanting to use schools, doctors, dentists, etc which is unacceptable to people who have been living in the village their whole lives. In addition there are never enough parking spaces and roads are not improved. This is very bad and should be avoided.	see 4.11 also pages 30, 46, 52, 65 & 66
This plan makes some areas on the edge of the village 'open countryside' when there are houses, commercial buildings and a large free standing church within it already. 'Open countryside' seems to be an ambiguous term. The plan will not allow for small-scale (single house) developments even if within the boundary of an existing property. Looking at other areas on the edge of the village (and developments currently built or planned), there seems to be a lack of consistency and subsequently fairness.	see NPPF document (2021) para 80 which clarifies the circumstances when development in such areas might be justified. The development envelope is exactly the same as that used by ECDC
No	n/c
The Governors of Isleham Primary School note that at page 45, section 4.8 of the draft neighbourhood plan Isleham Church of England Primary School is listed as a service available to the village. While it is the case that the School is, we would argue, an essential service to the village of Isleham the level of development the village has seen in recent years has meant that this service is no longer available to the whole village.	see pg 19. As consultation on the construction of a new school is at such an early stage it was not felt appropriate to reference this at this stage. The Monitoring and Evaluation section of the draft document (pg 53) has been amended to reflect the need to review the plan once this matter has been progressed

Q3 Do you have any comments regarding policy 1b Housing Types?	
Above seems to cover everything	n/c
Agree	n/c
Any housing types should be 2 bed affordable	see 4.1
There is certainly a need for smaller 1 and 2 bed dwelling in the village for 'first time buyers' , these really are in short supply. It would also be nice to have houses with a nice traditional look about them encouraged rather than more 'boxes'. Infrastructure really does need to be looked at , there really does need to be more cohesion between the highways dept and local parish councils to create better transport connections.	see 4.2 see 2.11
New house design must embrace active travel needs for whole life mobility. There has to be storage space and easy access with wider front doors for daily pram, bike, ebike, wheelchair and mobility scooter use. Ebike and mobility scooter storage need charging points. It is essential that secure covered cycle storage at a minimum ratio of 1 cycle per bedroom is provided as per Cambridge and ECDC requirements.	see 4.2 see 4.11
I agree that building infrastructure has to meet the neds of local people including affordable housing	see 2.11 / 4.1
Infrastructure is not sufficient to support the village now	see 2.11/ 4.8
If building has to be done, then make sure they are in character with the village and not all the same. However, no new developments would be best.	see 2.5/ 4.2
Support	n/c
Agree	n/c
Two storey flats could be built, as in the one in mill street	See 4.1b
No	n/c
Q4 Do you have any comments regarding policy 2 Character & Design?	
Agree	n/c
Request that new buildings have solar panels on their roofs and provision of gaps in fencing to allow hedgehogs to roam. Also insist follow up watering of any landscaping trees and shrubs.	added to 4.2
Strongly agree. development should be accompanied by proposals for biodiversity net gain in each case	n/c
I agree with this fully	n/c
New house design must embrace mobility needs for whole life active travel. There has to be storage space and easy access (with WIDER front doors) for daily pram, bike, e bike, wheelchair and mobility scooter use. Ebike and mobility scooter storage need charging points. It is essential that secure covered cycle storage at a minimum ratio of 1 cycle per bedroom is provided as per Cambridge & ECDC requirements. See	see 4.9 Also see NPPF paragraph 106d

https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/agendas/cp090710_K64.pdf. All new houses to be built with roof solar panels.	pg 29 & policy 2 amended to include the need for all new houses to have solar panels
Immobile design and quality building sounds excellent	n/c
Totally agree	n/c
I imaging this would be a matter of someone's opinion	pg 29 and 4.2 will help ensure consistency
Prefer no new developments.	See 4.1
Support	n/c
Need to keep some of the green spaces we have within the village to avoid overcrowding	see 2.7 / 4.3 and appendix 2
Agree	n/c
The new development of bloor homes has already spoilt the village scene on entering the village	see IPC planning objections
No	n/c
No	n/c
Q5 Do you have any comments regarding policy 3 Green Spaces?	
Agree	n/c
Strongly agree. These spaces are crucial for well-being of the village community	n/c
I feel the land surrounding Coates Drove should be protected from development & also all other green spaces	see IGS6
Millennium Woods are very difficult to access safely. Build an off road permissive footpath on the east side of Station Rd in the field margin. This will need steps and handrails to go up down/up the old old railway cutting.	IGS5f, developed to include exploration of how footpath might be established
Excellent	n/c
The proposed Sunnica site will be a total desecration of green space in our village	see IPC objections.
No special circumstances should be given to what is already a small area of green spaces	see NPPF document paragraphs 102 & 103
Quite agree. Leave these areas alone.	n/c
Support	n/c
Needs to include fields along coates drove and backing onto Waterside - possibly this is IGS 15	These fields are in private ownership and cannot be considered for designation as a green space (see IGS6)
Agree	n/c
These must not be built on or spoilt	see 4.3
Nature reserve and station road woods need access by footpath/bike. Roads are dangerous to cycle and these should be accessible without a car.	see 4.3 see 4.8 & 4.9
No	n/c
Q6 Do you have any comments regarding policy 4. Maintaining Separation?	

Agree	n/c
agree	n/c
I feel it is important that we remain a village not joined with Fordham or Soham etc	see 4.4
It is essential that Isleham does not merge with Fordham.	see 4.4
Agree	n/c
We do not want to be linked in future to Fordham or anywhere else	see 4.4
So many villages have been swallowed up in other places. They lose their identity and character. Make sure that doesn't happen.	See 4.4
Support	n/c
Agree	n/c
The new development has already stretched the boundary's of Isleham	Agree although the Bloor homes has always been within the Isleham development envelope
No	n/c
No	n/c
Q7 Do you have any comments regarding policy 5 Locally Important Views?	
I would add view from Lady Maynard allotment across open views towards Mildenhall airbase	This view will inevitably change as a result of the development of land on this site, approved under the Local Plan (ISL1) also see page 25
strongly agree, this is important to maintain the integrity of the village	n/c
I think all of the views highlighted are important & must keep them in particular Coates Drove & view from the Arc	See 4.5 esp IV08 and IV11
The view of St Andrews is always spoilt by cars left outside on Church Rd. Car parking needs to be restricted to blue badge holders, wedding and funeral cars. This will also have the important benefit of improving road safety, as there is constant conflict for passing 2 way traffic.	This is not within the scope of a Neighbourhood plan but a matter for the Parish Council to pursue with CCC/ECDC
All these views are important to local people	See 4.4
Agree	n/c
Most of our views are being lost particularly where a large number of bungalows have been replaced by ugly houses	see 4.2 & 4.5

	also see IPC planning objections
Quite agree.	n/c
Support	n/c
Views from Coates Drove out towards Prickwillow should be included	see IV08
Agree	n/c
The views are an important part of Isleham and should always be considered and maintained	See 4.5
No	n/c
No	n/c
Q8 Do you have any comments regarding policy 6 Heritage Assets?	
Plus St Andrew's social centre building	Already identified as a green space but now added to ILIB03
agree	n/c
No	n/c
The Priory Car Park needs a 4 hour max car parking limit. Vehicles are being left all day & night.	being addressed by IPC
I support this statement	n/c
Agree	n/c
"normally" - sounds like some doubt!?	see NPPF para 20201 - 20208
The plan would benefit from reference to the specific paragraphs of the National Planning Framework that deal with the protection of designated and non-designated heritage assets (paras 2020189 to 20208, NPPF updated 20202021).	Plan amended to include these references (pg 41)
Agree.	n/c
Support	n/c
Agree	n/c
No	n/c
No	n/c
<u>Verbal request</u> (IPC mtg Oct 2021) Consideration should be given to recognising other sites of historical interest within the village, maintaining their place for future generations including school children have the knowledge and understanding of their impact on our village	New village information map is being installed outside the Priory. Additional map and references have been included within this section of the plan
Q9 Do you have any comments regarding policy 7 Wildlife & Habitats?	
Agree	n/c

Strongly support, the principle of net biodiversity gain for all development in the village and across the parish boundary should be a priority	n/c
I am concerned about the Sunnica proposal having an impact on our village & wildlife	see previous comments
To retain the special 'fenland' characteristic of this village green spaces and the encouragement of keeping trees, hedgerows etc is vitally important.	see 4.7
None	n/c
Agree	n/c
Totally agree	n/c
It has been proved over the last year how important green spaces are for the mental well being of people. Wildlife has a purpose. It is all part of the ecosystem. This must not be destroyed or harmed, or in the end we harm ourselves. Anything which plans to do so should be forbidden (such as Sunicaa - not housing I know, but same reasoning)	n/c
Support	n/c
A definite need to protect wildlife - currently an abundance and a joy to see - so important for mental well-being	n/c
Agree	n/c
The habit of bats nesting in the lime kilns has already been affected with the demolishing of Patterson's shop and the gardener being prepared for yet more building	See policy 7
No	n/c
No	n/c
Q10 Do you have any comments in relation to policy 8 Service and Facilities?	
Agree. Ideally making provision for further retail outlet	n/c
agree	n/c
None	n/c
Agree	
The primary school is on a restricted site which makes expansion both technically difficult and expensive and any new development is likely to require mitigation to create additional places. The County Council, with the school, is considering an alternative site on land off Hall Barn Road for a new relocated school. This would allow the school to be increased in size from 20210 to up to 42020 places, however this would only be a feasible option if there is the demand created by new development. The scale of growth currently proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to be sufficient to justify the new school. If the scale of growth were to be increased and a new school is required then the County Council will require an amended to the development envelope to include the proposed site of the relocated primary school to the new site on Hall Barn Road.	see previous comments
The local residents should always be considered when new houses are built. We live in a village and some people chose to move to Isleham because of what it is. Change that, and you ignore centuries of history of the village.	Consultation is subject to National policy and currently only includes the Parish Council and immediate neighbours. Also partly the purpose of the NP

Support	
Agree	
Services need extending, bus service almost non-existent, school over-subscribed,	see 2.11 / 4.8
No	n/c
This has taken 202018 months or work?!	Yes fundamentally by volunteers in their own time!
No	n/c
Q11 Do you have any comments regarding policy 9 Pedestrian Access & Public Rights of Way?	
Agree	
Strongly agree. provision of more pedestrian pathways should be a priority for the parish	
New houses layouts need to prioritise direct walking and cycling routes to the village centre. The new houses built behind the Beeches are an example of very poor and indirect access to the village centre requiring residents to walk south out of the estate and back along Fordham Rd & Mill Road. Most will choose to drive instead.	See 4.2 See 4.9
None	n/c
Agree	n/c
I agree	n/c
Agree	n/c
Support	n/c
Pedestrian access essential between Isleham and Fordham - it is a dangerous road	n/c
Agree	n/c
Continued development of new housing off church lane has led to significantly more traffic down a small lane. Children walk to school on the lane and is popular with dog walkers. This development has not considered the danger imposed to pedestrians.	see IPC planning objections. Hence the need for the NP
No	n/c
Q12 Do you have any comments regarding policy 10 Car Parking?	
Enforcement essential	Police matter
Agree in part, but I would prefer to see emphasis on provision of, access to and use of public transport, especially for school runs etc	see 2.11 & 4.8
Any new build houses should have at least 2 parking spaces as parking is horrendous in our small village	see 4.2, 4.10 and NPPF para 107 & 108
New houses developments to have residents parking permits schemes to discourage multiple car ownership and on street parking. The Co-op disabled parking at the front of the store needs to be enforced.	Residential car parking is covered under the Local Plan The area in front of the coop is not specifically disabled parking although there is one designated space in the car

	park & enforcement is a matter for the coop
Agree, too much street parking now	n/c
Every new house should have enough car parking spaces for the potential number of vehicles. There never seem to be enough and people end up parking on the road, creating hazards. Roads should be improved and pavements put in for safe pedestrian access.	see 2.11 & 4.9 also NPPF paragraphs 104-109
More multiple property developments will increase traffic, particularly on those already busy roads that lead to amenities such as the school. Will there be any traffic management improvements (such as one-way areas, double yellow lines, reduced speed limits etc), and, more importantly, will they be enforced?	This is a CCC highways matter but explored annually as part of our Local Highways Initiative. also see NPPF paragraphs 104-109
Support	n/c
Agree	n/c
Every single road/street/close in the village has cars parking on them. The parking provided with the large properties is never adequate, as more and more people have to use cars in the village due to the lack of public transport	see 2.11 & 4.9 also NPPF paragraphs 104-109
Plug in vehicles will be standard and all new housing should include the charging facilities.	See 4.10
No	n/c
Q13 Do you have any comments regarding policy 11 Cycle Parking & Storage?	
agree	n/c
Active travel must take priority over motor use. It is essential that safe, secure, covered cycle storage at a minimum ratio of 1 cycle per bedroom is provided as per ECDC requirements. See P107, https://www.eastcamb.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Local%20Plan%20April%20202015%20-%20front%20cover%20and%20inside%20front%20cover_0.pdf	see 4.11 & NPPF para 106
None	n/c
Agree	n/c
Agree	n/c
Support	n/c
Cycle parking useless if we don't have safe cycle links beyond village boundary	see 4.11 and pages 20,21,29, 31, 48,
Agree	n/c
No	n/c
Q14 Do you have any comments regarding our proposed CiL projects?	
Cycle / footpath from village to nature reserve. Having had a one-to-one presentation and discussion with IPC chairman this plan seems comprehensive and achievable	See above
agree, especially C, E, F, G,	n/c
There is certainly a need for something for the teenage population of Isleham as there are currently no facilities for them unless they are sporty.	see project e

Public transport is currently extremely poor and serious improvements must be made to provide a viable alternative to daily car commuting. G. A new walk/cycle path needs to be built along Fordham Rd to Fordham. This will allow residents and children to get to Fordham safely without driving.	see project c
Item E is of special importance	n/c
I definitely agree that we should have facilities for a medical centre in Isleham. The size of the village would warrant it owing to amount of houses being built. W should at least have public transport to be able to travel to Mildenhall, Newmarket, Soham and Ely	see project I
Agree, especially project C	n/c
All good suggestions - not sure about more educational facilities in the village. Medical facilities would be of more benefit, especially for older people who do not drive.	see project I
The Governors of Isleham Primary School note that at page 45, section 4.8 of the draft neighbourhood plan Isleham Church of England Primary School is listed as a service available to the village. While it is the case that the School is, we would argue, an essential service to the village of Isleham the level of development the village has seen in recent years has meant that this service is no longer available to the whole village. Isleham Primary School is now oversubscribed with a waiting list for entry in September 2021 and has been required to go over PAN in several year groups as a result of appeals made to the County Council by parents who were unsuccessful in obtaining places for their children. The school is on a restricted site which does not allow for expansion, while there is no provision of a new site and building for the school any further development of residential property in the village will simply result in more children who live in Isleham being unable to attend their local primary school. We are aware of children in the village travelling to schools in Fordham and Soham, unable to attend school with friends made in the pre-school in Isleham and having to travel by car to and from school every day. If the village is to continue growing in size it is essential that land and funding is made available for a new school to be built or we will see a growing cohort of children who live in the village but cannot have the experience of attending the village school.	see project H and previous comments
1h Actions identified by ECDC in letter dated 23.8.2021	
Policy 1a Housing Growth – no changes required	
Policy 7 Wildlife and Habitats – change text from ‘wildlife’ to ‘biodiversity’	Text changed
Policy 8 Services and Facilities – cross reference to policy 1a	Cross referenced on Policy 8
Table 16 Parking provision for new dwellings – remove reference to ‘parking standards’ & (withdrawn) Local Plan	Removed all references to 2018 Emerging Local Plan incl table 16
Policy 10 Car parking – reword ‘electric charging plugs’ with ‘charging points’	Policy 10 reworded
Monitoring and Review - update	Updated Also referenced our responses to the consultation process in both the introduction and appendix 1
1j Action identified by Ely Drainage Board September 2021	

<p>The Board recommends that the Parish Council refers to the “Future Fens – Flood Risk Management Report”. This is a baseline report of flood risk management in the Fens and provides the foundation of a strategy looking at flood risk management in the area over the next one hundred years. A copy of the report can be found at the following link:- https://www.ada.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/20202021/05/Future-Fens-Flood-Risk-Management-Baseline-Report-Final_web.pdf</p>	<p>Added to pg 10</p>
<p>1k Actions identified by ECDC in email dated 4.10.2021</p>	
<p>Various technical aspects of the plan were added / amended in line with ECDC’s recommendations.</p>	
<p>1l Acknowledgments were also received from the following organisations:</p>	
<p>The National Grid Natural England Chatteris Parish Council West Row Parish Council The Coal Authority Cheveley Parish Council Haddenham Parish Council Chippenham Parish Council Freckenham Parish Council Norfolk County Council Historic England</p>	

ham. Mrs M Turton

17/01145/FUL Erection of 2 borehole kiosks & temp amazon filter kiosk. Isleham water treatment works. Furham Rd Isleham. Anglian Water Services Ltd.

17/01706/FUL 2 storey side extension plus single storey rear extension. 2 Goodchilds Gardens Isleham. Mr E Raymond

Planning approvals have been granted by ECDC for:

17/00223/FUL Development of 2 No three bedroomed bungalows. Site between Houghtons Lane and East Fen Rd Isleham. Mr J Waters.

17/00349/VAR Vary condition of previous application for 16/01459/FUL 83 The Causeway. Mr W Gordon.

17/00436/FUL Proposed erection of 1 No private detached dwelling and cart lodge on land at 53 Pound Lane Isleham. Mr G Baxter.

17/00497/CLP Single storey Extension. 12 St Andrew's Close Isleham. Mr A Findlay.

17/00712/TRE Felling of sycamore tree at 5 Robins Close Isleham. Mr Varma.

17/00743/TRE Felling of sycamore tree at 41 Mill St Isleham. Mr Haine.

17/00593/ADI - CO-OP signs amendment (removal of illumination within signs)

17/00929/TRE Fell conifer at Spurgeon's Barn 5a West Street Isleham. Mr Stevens

17/00607/FUL Two storey and single storey rear extensions, demolition of existing garage & erection of double carport, 70 West Street Isleham Ms Clarke & Mr Dick.

17/00627 Outline application for a single storey dwelling along with associated parking assess and site works. Plot 2 adjacent to 3 Hall Barn Rd Isleham Mr & Mrs Clarke.

17/01032/TRE Lowering the crown of a Cherry Tree at 26 Limestone Close. Mrs French.

Planning Refusals

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Richard Liddington (Parish Clerk)	Parish Office, The Beeches Tel: 01638 781687 Email: islehampc@gmail.com Website: www.isleham-village.co.uk

17/00222/FUL Development of 3 No. Three bedroom bungalows Land adjacent 2 Houghtons Lane Isleham. Mr J Waters.

17/00672/FUL Proposed 2 bedroomed detached dwelling. Plot adjacent 20 Little London Isleham. Mr & Mrs Drayton. Objection Lodged.

Other Planning Matters

Aug 17

The Parish Council are in the process of establishing a neighbourhood forum aimed at proactively looking at how the village might address issues relating to planning. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you might like to be included within this forum. To make this group effective priority for inclusion in this group will be given to people with a professional background in planning policy or related skills.

County Councillor's Notes



It is a continual delight (so far!) to have been chosen a few weeks ago to represent Isleham on Cambridgeshire County Council.

Councillors and officers at Shire Hall are quickly getting used to hearing Isleham views as part of their discussions - although I have to remember that I am there to get the best deal for Cambridgeshire as a whole, as well as for our pleasant easterly corner of the county.


As with any new job, life as Isleham's County Councillor is definitely a learning curve. I am very lucky to be able to work with excellent colleagues in both Isleham and Soham who have been showing me the ropes, and to have such a constructive and energetic Parish Council in Isleham. We all share the same ambition to try and make life in this village the best it can be, and I am looking forward to keeping up the teamwork over the next four years.

One of the most immediately visible things the County Council does is maintain our roads. From day one, people in the village have been raising highways issues with me, from parking to potholes. I do encourage people to keep doing that. We should soon have a pair of vehicle-activated signs to deter speeding, thanks to a successful Parish bid on the County's local highways improvement fund, I am hoping these will make an impact on the way drivers behave, especially with people from outside the village who may not be so careful about the safety of Isleham's children as readers of the Informer are. I am also hoping we will soon be able to renew the double yellow lines outside the Co-op which have faded badly and are too often ignored by people who park and block visibility on that busy corner.

One thing everyone who cares about the condition of our roads can do is to make their concerns heard in an effective way. Anyone can report a pothole, faded road marking, or other highways defect directly through the County Council's website.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/> Reporting an issue this way makes sure that our Local High-

ISLEHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Chairman: Mr Richard Radcliffe

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

30th April 2018 AT THE BEECHES

Present: 11 Councillors/ 6 Members of the public

Apologies: Nil



3 Chairpersons Report

Councillor Radcliffe gave a verbal report of the work of the Parish Council over the last year. Key points included:

- Consideration is to be given under agenda item 7 regarding the possible establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan which could influence the future direction and development of our village
- The Council's operating income was £112,199, 90% coming from the Precept levied and the remaining 10% in fees and charges. In addition, the Council received income from the building of new homes in the village of £19,021 through the Community Infrastructure Levy which is available for improvements in the village.
- Apologies were expressed for a clerical error which has resulted in an overcharge of ~~approx~~ £4.43 per household on our 2018-19 precept. As the costs of rebilling were in excess of £20,000 the council decided that this would not be cost effective and this extra income would be taken into account when setting the precept for 2019/20.
- The Reserves for the Council are £74,497 which includes just over £20,000 of monies from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Expenditure approximates to:
 - 20% Salaries
 - 12% Administration
 - 22% Recreation Ground which included the building of the Tractor Shed
 - 3% Cemeteries
 - 1% Allotments and the Wash
 - 3% Beeches including Car Park and Grounds
 - 1% Other
 - 38% Loan repayments for the Beeches and the Skate Park
- Appreciation was expressed to all the staff and volunteers in the village as well as to the 230 people who had attended our meetings over the last year.

7 Neighbourhood Plan

Mark Deas from Cambridgeshire Acre organisation provided a resume of the principles and practicalities of producing a Neighbourhood Plan: Key points included:

- It is primarily about producing a community led plan for land use.
- It could result in the village having more of a say on issues such as planning.
- There are a significant number of hoops to go through and its production is likely to take a min of 2 years.
- The breadth of the plan is open to the village but could include environmental, economic and social issues and focussed on either a ~~larger or smaller scale~~ issue
- Any plan must be consistent with ECDC's Local Plan / National policies.
- £9k of central government funding is available to support any Parish wishing to produce a plan but that outcomes against expenditure must be achieved within a financial year
- A steering group made up of both the public and local councillors is absolutely essential in writing a plan
- If the new Local Plan is not approved then large villages such as Isleham are likely to be vulnerable to further development
- We will not be any worse off if we produce a plan

Members of the public may be interested to also read the Parish minutes of 22nd January when this matter was discussed



ISLEHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council considers that a Neighbourhood Plan would significantly benefit our village. A Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the statutory planning process. It gives the whole village the opportunity to shape our community and local environment.

It cannot block development that is already included in the East Cambridgeshire District Council Local Plan. However, when adopted it will become part the District's Local Plan and offer the opportunity to guide the future of our village and the ability to enhance and protect it.

Before any proposals are made the parish council wants to find out what the local community thinks about the village. We need to hear from as wide a range of local people as possible - residents, businesses, young people, older people, community groups, service providers, and other stakeholders.

Can you spend 5 minutes answering a few questions to make sure you have your say in the future of the village? This is the first stage in the process and there will be further opportunities to comment on the draft plan.

Additional copies of this questionnaire are available from the contacts overleaf. Copies can also be downloaded and printed from the parish council website www.isleham-village.co.uk

Completed forms should be returned to Isleham Parish Council, The Beeches, 32 Mill Street, Isleham CB7 5RY, the boxes in the Co-op, the Post Office and the Beeches, or emailed to islehampc@gmail.com

1. How do you rate the quality of the physical environment in the village?

Excellent Good Average Poor Very Poor

2. Is there anything you think is particularly good or bad about the physical environment in the village?

3. What do you think are the three best things about the village?

4. Which of the following local facilities do you use? Please tick as many as apply.

The Beeches Recreation ground Churches Church Social Centre

School Shop Post Office Other

5. Which facilities are missing or inadequate?

Where do you go for them?

6. Which of the following applies to you (tick more than one if applicable):

I live in the village I work in the village I use the school

I use the village leisure facilities I am active in a local community group

7. In your opinion, how strong is the sense of community in the village?

Very strong Quite strong Average Not very strong Weak

8. How do you get about in the local area? Do you travel mainly

By car By bus On foot By motor bike By bicycle

A) Would you regularly use a bus service, if available, from the village to Fordham to connect with the existing bus services? Yes No

9. If you could change one thing about the village, what would it be?

10. What do you think should be the main priority of the Neighbourhood Plan?

If you wish to receive email updates or are willing to help organise the Neighbourhood Plan, please email islehampc@gmail.com or contact:


Jeanette Broderick, Clerk Isleham PC, 781687

Richard Radcliffe 780831

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Appendix 5 Annual Parish Meeting (Relevant Minutes) May 2019

ISLEHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Clerk: Mr Richard Liddington  The Beeches, 32 Mill Street, Isleham, Ely, Cambs, CB7 5RY
Email: islehampc@gmail.com
Chairman: Mr Richard Radcliffe

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

Monday 20th May 2019

AT THE BEECHES

Present: 11 Councillors / 7 Members of the public

Apologies: Nil

1	<p>Chairperson Councillor Richard Radcliffe welcomed those present. His verbal report was as follows:</p> <p><u>Chairpersons Report 2018/2019</u></p> <p>..... Let me return to new homes in the Village and the Planning system. We are consultees in the Planning process and had hoped for greater clarity with the development of the District's Local Plan and following that with a Neighbourhood Plan for the Village to determine the growth of our village. However, the withdrawal of the Draft Local Plan, following the recommendations of the Planning Inspector, has not helped.</p> <p>In recent years growth has been through small scale developments with little provision of affordable housing or wider infrastructure benefits for the Village larger developments have to provide. We are a village of roughly 1000 homes and last year 171 new homes were approved included the 125 on the land behind the Rec by Bloor Homes. Each open market new home generates a Community Infrastructure Levy payment of which the Council receives part. It is only the larger scale developments that are required to provide other gains. The 125 new homes agreed will produce these gains, an extension to the Rec, affordable housing and traffic calming measures to Fordham Road. In my view it is now essential that we progress our Neighbourhood Plan so that the Village's views and aspirations can be better reflected in the Planning process. We need help to develop our Neighbourhood Plan from the Village to make it happen if you are interested, please let me know.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to give thanks to all the volunteers in the village for all their efforts, so often unseen. To our staff for their commitment and efforts throughout the year and also to all of the people who attended our meetings last year. It is your contributions that help the Council formulate what it can do to and improve our village.</p>
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Appendix 6 Sample section of Action Plan Identifying Initial engagement – May 2019

2iii Post Funding Approval - Documentation and Evidence base											
Key Objectives								Sep – Dec	Jan – Apr	May – Jul	Aug – Dec
- Complete Draft Neighbourhood plan based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Established policies o Expand consultations to further inform plan 								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Ref	Tasks	Action to date	Next step	Lead	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
2e Consultation and Engagement											
2.2 6	Establish a consultation strategy / statement.	Established Aug 19	Formally approve 16.10.19*	INP G							
2.2 7	Share consultation strategy special focus on consultees from local community ie schools, businesses, organisations, health	January survey key issues: <u>+ve</u> trees, Co-op, churches, Beeches/social centre , sense of community, <u>-ve</u> potholes, lack of public toilets, shops & police <u>priority</u> - more local events									
2.2 8	Record of consultations incl dates, objective of consultation, responses made, action resulting from responses	Estab Sept 19	Ongoing	RL							
2.2 9	Consult with Isleham residents	Initial survey - Jan 2019 via Isleham Informer	Post approval of strategy: More focused survey based on assets / needs / opinions								
2.3 0	Analyse community engagement	For further information see the 'basic conditions' resource									
2.3 1	Consult those who live / work / do business in the area										
2.3 2	Consult the consultation bodies										
2.3 3	Finalise Basic Conditions statement										



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3rd Thursday Mill Street	3.15pm	4.15pm
4th Wednesday Church St	9.45am	10.10am

Useful phone numbers

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Police (Non-emergency) 101
Accident & Casualty (Addenbrooke's)01223 217118
Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge)01223 245151
Newmarket Hospital	..... 01638 564000
West Suffolk Hospital (Bury St Edmunds)	.....01284 713000
Staploe Medical Centre (Soham)	
- Appointments	.....01353 624121
- Prescriptions & Dispensary	.....01353 727695
- Enquiries, Home Visits, Emergencies	.....01353 624123
Minor Treatment Centre, Ely	.....01353 656675
NHS Direct (for advice)	.....0845 4647
GP Out-Of-Hours (non-emergency)	.....111
Electricity Emergencies	.....0800 7838838
Gas Emergencies	.....0800 111999
Anglian Water Leaks	.....0800 771881
- 24 hour	.....0845 7145145
Social Services - office hours	.....0345 0455202
- out of hours emergency	.....01733 561370
Refuse Collection	.....01353 665555
RSPCA	.....07599 522716
- Cruelty line	..... 0300 1234 999
Citizens Advice Bureau	.....Ely 0845 130 6442
	Mildenhall 01638 712094
	Newmarket 01638 665999
District Councillor: Derrick Beckett	.....01638 780476
Parish Council Clerk: Richard Liddington	.....01638 781687
MP: Lucy Frazer	..... lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk

Dates for Your Diary

If there is anything you would like included here for future issues: contact Glenda Preece, T: 01638 780734 E: gjprece@aol.com.

REGULARS

Coffee Morning at the Social Centre, Tuesdays 9am-noon
 Bingo at the Bowls Club every Wednesday evening
 Contact Doreen 780836

August

Mon 5th	Parish Council	7.15pm
Tue 6th	FAMILY FUN DAY at The Beeches	11 - 3pm
Thurs 8th	W.I. The Beeches	7.30pm
Fri 9th	Book Club	2pm
Sat 17th	Farmers Market	10 - 1pm
Thur 29th	FAMILY FUN DAY at The Beeches	11 - 3pm
Sat 31st Aug	Wedding Dress Display St Andrew's Church	1 - 5pm

September

Sun 1st	Wedding Dress Display St Andrew's Church	1 - 5pm
Mon 2nd	Parish Council	7.15pm
Tue 10th	INFORMER DEADLINE	
Thurs 12th	W.I. The Beeches	7.30pm
Fri 13th	Book Club	2pm
SUN 15TH	Harvest at Pound Lane	11am
Thurs 19th	Isleham Society	7.30pm
Sat 21st	Farmers Market	10 - 1pm
Sun 22nd	Family Fun at 4 at High Street Church	4 - 5.30

Village Notes

Aug 19 Informer

Early in the year a survey, that is the first step to be taken in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, was included in the Informer. There were 97 responses, and the replies, which were very varied, have been collated.

Happily only three parishioners felt the quality of the physical environment of the village was poor, but there were several suggestions as to what could be improved - the main ones being the cleaning of the roads and footpaths, improvements to the footpaths, reduction of speeding in the village, and the poor parking.

Community spirit - the helpfulness of neighbours, friendliness of the general population and the number of volunteers - was high on the list of things to appreciate in the village, with 78% of responders believing the sense of community in Isleham is strong or very strong.

The Beeches, recreation ground and play ground, the Co-Op, the churches, the school and the pubs also add to the attractiveness of our village, helping to make it a good place to live.

In the final question relating to priorities of the Neighbourhood Plan 56 responses indicated the need for development to be controlled, with the emphasis being on more social housing and family homes, and fewer 'creative' type houses.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the village survey a group has been formed to work towards developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Isleham. This will give us the opportunity to influence future land uses in the village, and become part of the local planning process.

The Group is looking for volunteers to assist in the preparation of the plan - many skills will be needed.

If you think you could help please contact:

Richard Radcliffe Chair of the Parish Council

Tel: 01638 780831 Email: richardradcliffe0@gmail.com

Isleham WI

In October members enjoyed fish and chips from Mick's Plaice, parked in front of The Beeches, before an evening playing games including, for the more energetic, a Kurling competition.

At our November meeting we welcomed Rebecca Christie from 'Flowers made with Love'. Rebecca demonstrated the art of wreath making, before many members tried hard to put her lessons into practice. The foyer at The Beeches was redolent with the scent of a pine forest, as we chose our greenery and then decorated the wreaths. We were all very pleased with the results - thanks to Rebecca for such a lovely evening.

There is no meeting in December, as we will be celebrating with a Christmas meal at The No Hurry Inn.

We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Beeches. If you are interested do come along, you will be very welcome.

For further information contact Glenda Preece
Tel: 01638 780734
email: gjpreece@aol.com



Isleham Housing Needs Survey

Dec 19 Informer

Cambridgeshire ACRE, a local charity supporting rural communities, is undertaking a Housing Needs Survey in Isleham. The survey is backed by the Parish Council. The purpose of the survey is to understand the scale and nature of need for affordable housing in the parish.

Most affordable housing in Isleham (usually managed by a Housing Association such as Sanctuary) is not prioritised for local people. Instead, it supports those assessed as being most in need regardless of where they live across East Cambridgeshire. However, it is possible to build affordable housing schemes where the usual allocation rules are changed to favour people from the parish where the development occurs. Such schemes are often referred to as rural exception schemes.

Isleham Parish Council is working with the Lady Frances Peyton almshouse charity to deliver a scheme of affordable homes for local people. The Parish Council is also aware that other developers and housing associations have been looking at similar opportunities. If these opportunities are to be realised it is important that local needs are understood so that any forthcoming schemes can be assessed against, and tailored to, local needs.

A questionnaire has been posted to every residential address in the parish. We can also provide a copy to your family members who have moved away but would like to return to Isleham, and to friends and colleagues who work in the parish and would like to reduce their commute. If you need further copies please contact Mark Deas at Cambridgeshire ACRE on 01353 865035 or mark.deas@cambasacre.org.uk. Please complete your questionnaire. Your views are important even if you do not have a housing need yourself. The survey findings will be reported to Isleham Parish Council in early 2020.

Mark Deas, Rural Housing, Planning & Economic Development Officer, Cambridgeshire ACRE



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Appendix 8b Housing Needs Survey Blank Questionnaire

This questionnaire can be completed online at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/isleham1>



working on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Rural
Affordable Housing Partnership

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY FOR ISLEHAM

PART ONE – TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL HOUSEHOLDS

We are interested in your views on the principle of providing affordable homes for local people in your parish. Please use the comments section to explain your response.

Q1. Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable homes specifically for people with a local connection to your parish? (Any potential development would be wholly or largely affordable homes – rental or shared ownership. Any private homes would be the minimum required to make the scheme economically viable)

Yes No

Please add any comments you would like to make here. For example, you may want to comment on the advantages or disadvantages of potential locations within the parish (These comments may be included, anonymously, in our report):

Please indicate whether you or any member of your household (eg. older children or other dependents) is in housing need by answering Q2. You should look ahead up to the next five years when answering this question.

Q2. My current home is suitable for my household? Yes No

If no, please tick all boxes that apply to your household:

Too small (overcrowded)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too large	<input type="checkbox"/>	In the wrong place	<input type="checkbox"/>
Needs repairing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Need own home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't manage the stairs and/or needs adapting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family circumstances are changing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Want to build my own home	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Want to move but there are no suitable homes available locally	<input type="checkbox"/>

.....
If you answered 'Yes' to Q2 you do not need to complete Part two. Please return the form to us in the FREEPOST envelope provided. If you answered 'No' to Q2 please continue and complete Part Two.

PART TWO – ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HOUSING NEED

Q3. Who lives in your home? Please provide details of everyone living in your home at present including yourself

Relationship to self, eg, partner, son	Gender	Status	Age							
	Male/ Female	Employed/ Economically inactive ¹ / Unemployed/ Student/ Child/ Retired	Please specify age if under 25	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+
Self										

Q4. What type of property do you currently live in?

Type	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5+ bed
House					
Bungalow					
Flat/maisonette/ apartment/ bedsit					
Sheltered/ retirement housing					
Caravan/ mobile home/ temp. structure					
Other (please specify):					

Q5. What are your current living arrangements?

Rent from Local Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rent from Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rent from private landlord	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shared ownership (part own/ rent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own with or without mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home in multiple occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live in tied accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

.....

Q6. Who would be in the new household?

Please tick this box if the household will be the same as in Q3.

If not, please complete the table overleaf.

¹ Economically inactive includes: looking after home/ family, temporary or long-term sick

This questionnaire can be completed online at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/isleham1>

Q11a. Do you live in Isleham?
(tick):

Yes

No

Q11b. If yes, how long have you lived in Isleham?

Years Months

Q12. Do you or another member of your household have close family (parents, children or siblings) living in Isleham?

Yes

No

Please specify the relationship:

.....

Q13. Is Isleham your preferred place to live?

Yes

No

Please tell us more about your reasons for needing to live in Isleham Parish.

When designing affordable housing schemes it is helpful to understand what people can afford. It is therefore important that you complete the following questions. This information is confidential and will not be published in any public report.

Q14a. What is your new household's combined annual income (before tax)? Tick one box only

Less than £15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£30,000 - £39,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£15,000 - £19,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£40,000 - £59,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£20,000 - £24,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£60,000 - £79,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£25,000 - £29,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£80,000 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14b. What is the maximum monthly payment your new household can afford for a mortgage and/or rent? Tick one box only

Less than £200	<input type="checkbox"/>	£400 - £599	<input type="checkbox"/>
£200 - £399	<input type="checkbox"/>	£600 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14c. What is the maximum initial payment your new household can afford as a deposit on a property? (Please include any equity you have in your current home)

None	<input type="checkbox"/>	£20,000 - £29,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
Below £5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£30,000 - £49,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£5,000 - £9,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£50,000 - £69,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£10,000 - £19,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£70,000 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return it in the pre-paid envelope provided by Friday 20 September 2019. If you do not have the envelope you can post it back to us for free by writing the address below on the envelope:

This questionnaire can be completed online at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/leham1>

Relationship to self, other , partner, son	Gender	Status	Age							
	Male/ Female	Employed/ Economically inactive/ Unemployed/ Student/ Child/ Retired	Please specify age if under 25	25- 29	30- 39	40- 49	50- 54	55- 59	60- 64	65+

Please answer questions 7 to 14 as/ on behalf of the household that are in need of new accommodation (as identified in Q5)

Q7. What type of property would best suit your new household's needs?

	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5+ bed
House					
Bungalow					
Flat/maisonette/ apartment/ bedsit					
Sheltered/ retirement housing					
Other (please specify):					

Q8. What living arrangements are you looking for? (You can choose more than one)

Buy on the open market	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buy in shared ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buy a 'starter home' (20% discount)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rent from a Housing Association or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rent from a private landlord	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build my own home (yes/build)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Q9. Has anyone in the new household been accepted onto the local Housing Register?

Yes No

Q9a. If yes, what priority banding have you been given?

Band A Band B Band C Band D Not sure

Q10. Have you been approved for Shared Ownership or any other Low Cost Home Ownership scheme by the Help to Buy Agent (~~boha~~)?

Yes No

Appendix 8c Housing Needs Survey - Summary of Results

Findings from the Housing Needs Survey

The Housing Needs Survey conducted in Isleham identified 18 households in need of affordable housing. Four of these households stated that they were already on the Housing Register and have therefore been excluded from the tables below.

Seven of the remaining 14 households would require a rented property from a Housing Association as follows:

1 bed		2 bed		3 bed		4 bed		5+ bed		Total
F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	7
2	3	1				1				

The other seven households were considered suitable candidates for shared ownership as follows:

1 bed		2 bed		3 bed		4 bed		5+ bed		Total
F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	7
2		3		2						

¹⁵ Housing Register data provided by East Cambridgeshire DC, October 2019

¹⁶ Codes used are F (Flat), H (House) and B (Bungalow)

Open market housing

The primary purpose of the Housing Needs Survey is to identify need for affordable housing. However, the survey does provide an opportunity to collect broader housing needs within the community. In practice, the identification of market housing need is probably less comprehensive as some households will not see the relevance of the survey. Nevertheless, the survey does give an insight into market demands and, usefully, illustrates the differences between affordable and market housing demand.

The survey identified 12 households who would prefer to address their own housing issues by purchasing on the open market within Isleham. Of these, five are specifically interested in self build. Interestingly, these were not all seeking to build large homes. Three out of the five had a preference for a 2 bed house.

Four of the seven seeking to purchase a house rather than build their own were looking to downsize to a bungalow. All those seeking to purchase or self build were existing owner occupiers (including one in shared ownership). All those in the private rented sector seeking alternative options were looking at affordable housing as market housing was beyond their financial means. The age profile of those seeking market housing solutions was generally older than that of those seeking affordable housing.

Conclusion

In aggregate, there were 42 households identified as being in need of affordable housing who either live in, or have a local connection to, Isleham:

1 bed		2 bed		3 bed		4 bed		5+ bed		Total
F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	F/H	B	
12	6	14		5		5				42

This scale of need is well in excess of a typical rural exception site in Cambridgeshire. In practice, any proposal for a rural exception scheme would also have to comply with the relevant policies in the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan.



Isleham Parish Council Update

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every month at 7.15pm. Meetings are held in the main meeting room of The Beeches. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and 15 minutes are set aside each month for public question time. (No food or drink to be bought into the meeting room please.)

Full copies of the agendas and minutes are available on the Parish Council website, the notice boards outside The Beeches and adjacent to the cenotaph and from the Parish Clerk, Richard Liddington: tel 01638 781687, email islehampc@gmail.com. Summarised agendas are also posted on the Isleham News Facebook page.

Allotment Matters

There are still a number of plots available on both the Dunstall and Three Trees Allotment sites. The rent for a ten-rod plot which equates to 252m² is just £15 per annum! Please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Highways Report

Cambridgeshire County Council are in the final stages of introducing a 20mph zone along Maltings lane and Croft Road. A project to install speed cushions, road narrowing and a new 40mph zone on Beck Road has finally been agreed with the County Council. This work has been deferred so that it coincides with the complete resurfacing of Beck Road in June 2020.

We are most grateful to the village Speed Watch team who volunteer their time to monitor and help reduce the speed of vehicles in and around Isleham

Litter Picker

Thank you to residents for your warm welcome to Mr Simon Petts who has taken up his post of village litter picker. I am sure that you will agree that Simon's work is already having a positive impact on our village.

Fly Tipping

Incidences of fly tipping should be reported directly to ECDC via their website: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping>

The Beeches Car Park

Work will begin soon on the tarmacking of the remaining section of the main turning circle of the Beeches car park and the installation of a height barrier at the entrance to the site.

Recreation Ground

We once again ask for the support of residents in not taking your dogs onto the Beeches site of recreation ground.

Sunnica Survey

A survey was recently posted on Facebook seeking the views of residents towards the proposed devel-

opment of solar farms in the area. I am pleased to confirm that the deadline for this survey has been extended to 1st March 2020. Residents are also welcome to complete the paper version of this survey which accompanies this magazine.

Neighbourhood Plan Feb 2020

Councillors and a number of residents are actively involved in the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. In due course this will involve further consultation with all residents but anyone wishing to get involved in the drafting of this plan or simply find out more about the purpose and areas covered in such plans are advised to contact the parish office.

Planning Applications (Dec - Jan)

19/00447/RMM Reserved Matters for the construction of 121 dwellings and associated works following approval of outline planning permission 18/00363/OUTM Land accessed between 2 & 4 Fordham Rd Isleham Bloor Homes. Change in layout, specifically northwest corner in order to provide additional bungalows along the properties of Hall Barn Rd - Conditional Objection

19/00447/RMM Reserved Matters for the construction of 121 dwellings and associated works following approval of outline planning permission 18/00363/OUTM Land accessed between 2 & 4 Fordham Rd Isleham Bloor Homes. Revision to Landscape Strategy No objection

19/012024/FUL Outbuilding for use by mowers for storage. 37 Prickwillow Rd Isleham Mr & Mrs Mutton No objection

19/01315/LBC Alterations to kitchen along with external alterations. 18 Little London Isleham. Mr Warburton & Ms Wilkinson - No objection

19/01482/FUL Proposed side extension. (Amendment) 15 Church Lane Isleham. Change from grey aluminium windows and doors to all new windows and doors to match existing brown timber windows and doors. Mr & Mrs Qayum-Millard - No objection

19/01586/FUL Erection of greenhouse. Greenhouse is of painted aluminium and wood construction and fully glazed. 16a Hall Barn Rd Isleham Mr S Rolfe No objection

19/01371/FUL Single storey rear extension including internal alterations. 8 Mill Street Isleham. Mr & Mrs Thorburn No objection

19/01690/FUL Addition of roof lights (front elevation to attic level. 4 Priory Gardens Isleham. Mr D Fitchett Objections

19/01735/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and construction of 1 no. four bedroom, detached chalet style bungalow. 46 West St Isleham. Mr & Mrs Hawes Objections

Planning Approvals

19/01030/FUL Construction of 4 bedroom detached dwelling with new vehicular access and associated works. Land adjacent to 58 West Street Isleham. Mr D Clarke

19/01294/FUL Proposed rear extension. 39 Hall Barn Rd Isleham. Mr Straiton

19/01178/OUT Demolition of agricultural barns and residential development of five residential dwellings garaging, parking, access road and associated works. Appleyard Farm, 1 Houghtons Lane Isleham Mr D Beckett

19/00447/RMM Reserved Matters for the construction of 121 dwellings and associated works

Appendix 10 Community Engagement Strategy (Pgs 1-2)

Isleham Neighbourhood Planning Group **Community Engagement Strategy**

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of community engagement:

Effective community engagement has a very important role in the development of a good Neighbourhood Plan. At the end of the process, there will be a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan where the electorate in the NP area will have an opportunity to vote yes or no to the plan. As important though is that in order to bring forward the right plan to the table:

“Early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses is essential. A wide section of the community should be proactively engaged, so that Local Plans, as far as possible, reflect a collective vision and a set of agreed priorities for the sustainable development of the area, including those contained in any neighbourhood plans that have been made.” NPPF

1.2 What is a Community Engagement Strategy and who is it for?

A community engagement strategy will guide the Neighbourhood Plan steering group as they engage the communities, interested people and organisations in the development of the plan. The community engagement strategy sets out how the community and other interested individuals and groups will be involved in the plan making process. The community engagement strategy also provides clarity to consultees on how they can expect to be involved in the plan making process.

2. Key Principles and Methods for Community Engagement

2.1 Principles

By way of this community strategy the NP steering group wish to show that they will do more than simply “inform” people and “consult” people but you will also “involve”, “collaborate” and “empower”. Set out below are the key principles underpinning the community engagement strategy.

Overarching principles for engaging the community	
Key Principles	How will we do this
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Be open and honest with the community</i> 	<p>Primarily through Isleham Informer Magazine, Isleham News Facebook Page and the Parish Council Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We will let people know why we are engaging and use the right methods that are proportionate to the significance of the issues to engage local people</i> • <i>We will be clear about what can be influenced and what can't</i> • <i>We will use honest, accurate and unbiased information</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Listen to the communities views</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We will listen and respond to individuals and communities, enabling and empowering residents to play an effective role in shaping their local area.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Include as many people in the process</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We will undertake fair and impartial engagement to a high standard to ensure that communities are offered equal opportunities to participate in issues that may affect them and make a difference</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Work together collaboratively with communities</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We will act together when appropriate with a consistent approach to community engagement.</i> • <i>We will create a record of engagement activities to provide an overview of what consultation has and will be undertaken, and use the findings where applicable to avoid consultation overload.</i> • <i>We will share knowledge and information openly with the</i>

	<i>community, whilst respecting confidentiality and use what we have learnt from contact with local people to better understand and engage with the communities</i>
• <i>Keep in touch with the community</i>	• <i>We will provide feedback and demonstrate the changes that are made as a result of engagement.</i>

2.2 Methods

The following methods will be used so that the Isleham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group can inform, “consult”, “involve”, “collaborate” and “empower” people in the plan making process. We will use the following methods to do this.

Community engagement methods that will be used	
Type of Engagement	Methods that Isleham Parish Council will use:
Informing you about the neighbourhood plan so you know what is going on and when	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isleham Informer – Quarterly magazine • Parish Council Noticeboards - Posters, postcards, fliers, banners and publications. • Information stalls/open days. • Website updates. • Isleham News Facebook page
Consulting you about the neighbourhood plan allowing you to have your say	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Questionnaires and surveys, structured feedback form including both Online www.freeonlinesurveys.com and Paper copies: included within Isleham Informer and at key public locations including The Beeches, Coop and Post Office</i> • <i>Face to face interviews/telephone interviews/video soapbox.</i> • <i>Discussion/focus groups/forums/e-forum.</i> • <i>Written consultation through letter or email.</i> • <i>Consultation events/workshops/market stall</i> • <i>Annual Parish Meeting</i> • <i>Documents or information available at The Beeches, Post Office and Coop,</i>
Involving you in the neighbourhood plan so you can influence, directly participate, design and be part of the development of the plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Structured Workshops</i> • <i>Public or specific targeted discussion meetings with interested parties including local architects, Housing associations</i> • <i>Public or stakeholder workshops to identify issues and shape options,</i> • <i>Public visioning events, ideas competitions, interactive displays.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Interaction with Members of the Local Planning Authority, Councillors, Parish Councillors and employees ECDC</i> • <i>Involving the community in the development of the evidence base where relevant. e.g. housing needs survey, Views Assessment, Built Environment Character Assessment involving specific local group: ie Isleham Historic Society & Isleham Nature Reserve Volunteers</i> 	

Different methods will be used at different stages of the plan development. For example, in the earlier stages of plan development we need to understand what the broad priorities are in the community and only need to ask a few simple and non-leading questions to establish this. The table below provides a sketch of typical stages of NP work up to the start of the first formal consultation on what is known as the pre-submission version of the plan. This will be used to help plan our consultation in the early stages, the mid-way stages and the well-advanced stage.

Appendix 11 Meeting with local architects August 2020 re Policy 2

Key points from meeting with Andrew and AJ Fleet 25.8.20

- Encouragement from AF and AJF to proceed with producing a Neighbourhood Plan as a way of influencing future development
- Distinct view that we should propose the development of a number of smaller sites, rather than just one or two larger sites. This is based on
 - the availability of smaller pockets of land within the village (possibly on the outskirts which would potentially limit the movement of residents into the village itself)
 - the fact that affordable housing is being provided by existing planning applications, so development of 10+ houses is not so important
 - this would limit the overall number of
- Important to clarify what is the (housing) character of Isleham and how we would want to see that replicated / contrasted in new housing design
- Be aware that developers obviously want best £ returns and so our focus should be on delivering *quality* design at minimal costs.
 - Good quality design CAN be achieved by focussing on detail such as window depth, reveals and facades which cast shadows, getting proportions right i.e. windows and roof lines.
 - Establish a clear design guide (based on below? / those established in other plans) and discuss with Rebecca Saunt at ECDC to get her views, including how it might be delivered/enforced when applications are made
- Undertake visits to recent developments to see good design ie Clay St Mill area Soham (for roadways) Cambridge, Docking in Norfolk
- Consider getting an independent (not ECDC!) conservation assessment
- Possible inclusion in the NP:
 - Re eco buildings:
 - There should be a 'Fabric 1st Approach' to the inclusion of eco measures ie solar panels integral to roof type (not bolt on) + other integral building methods ie cavity wall, ground source heat pumps
 - There should be a 20% difference between SAP energy assessments
 - green spaces (ie on larger developments) should be meaningful and not just to utilise space which can't be built upon!
 - include photos of examples of features i.e windows, which we would like to see in new buildings
 - soft transitioning (between rural fields and housing) through the types of houses constructed, with single storey on the perimeter, leading to taller buildings at the core of any development
 - the number of expected parking spaces should be based on the number of bedrooms (WSDC expectations)



Isleham Parish Council Update

September 2020

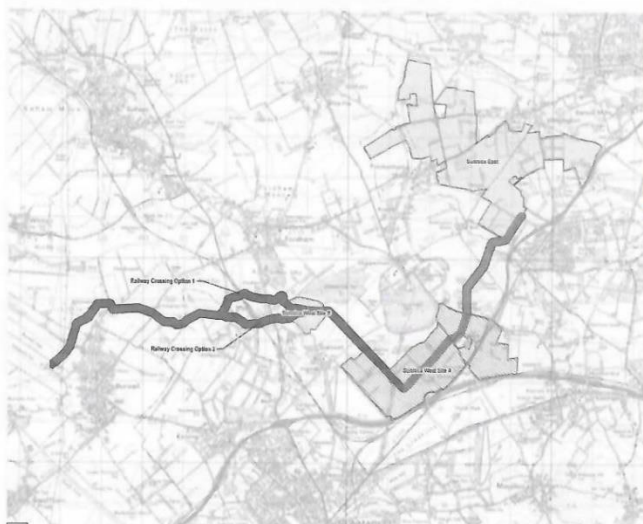
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Sunnica

The formal consultation on Sunnica's proposals to build a massive solar farm across our district including two recently added sites, less than 0.5km from the edge of our village.



Details of the proposals have been posted to all houses across our district. These and other supporting documents can also be found at: <https://sunnica.co.uk/proposals/>. Whatever your views, the Parish Council would

strongly encourage all residents to carefully consider these proposals and to make your views known using either of the links at: <https://sunnica.co.uk/public-consultation/>

Allotment Matters

Perhaps not surprisingly, there has been a significant uptake in allotment plots in recent months. There are however still a very small number of plots available on both the Three Trees site (Beck Rd) and the Dunstall site (Station Rd) The rent for a ten-rod plot which equates to 252m2 is just £16 per annum and just £8.00 for a half-sized plot. Please contact the Parish Clerk for details. Highways Report

- I am pleased to report that work funded under Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Highways initiative has now been almost completed. Work included: the establishment of a 20mph zone on Maltings Lane and a 40mph zone on Beck Rd as well as the establishment of road narrowing and speed ramps, also on Beck Rd

- We have just submitted a bid for funding from the 2020 grant. This will hopefully establish 40mph zones on Fordham Road, Hall Barn Road and Prickwillow Road as well as an extension of the pedestrian barriers outside the Co-op

- Residents are reminded that wherever possible notifications of highways work are posted on the Isleham News Facebook page.

- New signs for five of the most popular footpaths in the village have recently been installed and we are looking to install signs for a further 10 footpaths in the coming months

Neighbourhood Plan Oct 2020

Work continues on the establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan which we hope will give the Parish Council more say in future planning applications. We await the lifting of Covid restrictions so that we can rearrange the cancelled public consultation on the draft Plan.

Fly Tipping

Incidences of fly tipping should be reported directly to ECDC via their website: <https://www.eastcamb.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping>

Recreation Ground

- The Parish Council wish to express their appreciation to all residents for respecting the closure of the playground during the Covid19 crises and for respecting social distancing rules on the recreation ground.

- We continue to ask for the support of residents in not taking your dogs onto the Beeches site of recreation ground.

- Councillors are in the process of considering what uses might be made for a parcel of land being bequeathed to the Parish as a result of the Bloor Homes Development



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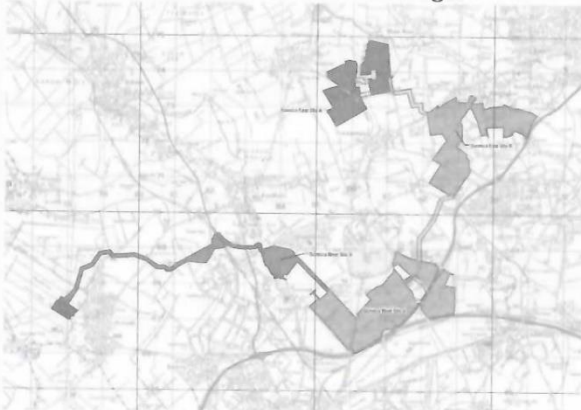
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Neighbourhood Plan

Dec 2020 Update

An early draft of our Neighbourhood Plan is about to be submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council for their initial thoughts and comments. We hope to be able to undertake further consultation with residents as soon as Covid restrictions are relaxed but should you wish to see an electronic copy of our draft plan please do contact me at islehampc@gmail.com

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Planning Applications (October – November) *

- 20/00930/FUL Retrospective application for the retention of a half wave communication aerial on gable end and antrom A.99 fibreglass aerial on supporting structure in rear garden. 19A East Fen Road Isleham Mr D Dunnett No Objection
- 20/00990/FUL Two storey rear extension and new driveway (amendment) 15 Pound Lane Isleham Mr J Bye Conditional objection – based on previous response
- 20/01069/FUL Construction of 1no. four bedroom two storey detached dwelling and garage/ games room/gymnasium. 72B West Street Isleham. AT Consultants No Objection
- 20/01095/FUL Change of use from place of worship (D1) to dwelling (C3), removal of existing outbuilding to be replaced with single garage, landscaping and repositioned vehicular access off The Causeway. Isleham High Street Baptist Church The Causeway Isleham Mr A Drage No Objection but points of note were made
- 20/01132/FUL Rear single storey extension, front porch extension and loft conversion 17 The Pits Isleham Mrs Ayres No Objection
- 20/01147/VAR To vary Conditions 1 (Approved drawings), 4 (External Materials) and 6 (Flood Mitigation) for previously approved 20/00469/FUL for replacement dwelling and garage: South View 3 Prickwillow Road Isleham. Mr & Mrs Stuart No Objection
- 20/01192/FUL Proposed field access. Cambria Farm 29 Prickwillow Road Isleham. Ms Wilton-Clerk No Objection
- 20/00990/FUL Two storey rear extension and new driveway. 15 Pound Lane Isleham An amendment has been received for the development described above. The amendment involves revision to external finish of the extension, amended to brickwork to match existing dwelling. Mr J Bye No Objection
- 20/01304/LBC Replacement of the existing timber



The Isleham Neighbourhood Plan



Isleham Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan - Public Consultation
1st July 2021 - 1st September 2021

The survey attached is part of the statutory consultation process for all Neighbourhood Plans. Consideration will be given to all responses before it is submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council for their consideration and hopeful approval.

Please note that this consultation is only open to residents living within the Parish of Isleham.

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Please complete the attached and return asap or use the online survey
<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/tfJE4DXb>

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A Neighbourhood Plan can:

- Propose more development than the Local Plan
- Identify the most suitable sites for development
- Help to determine what types and design of development should take place

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot:

- Propose less growth than in the Local Plan
- Prevent any development from ever taking place in an area
- Be in conflict with national or local planning policies

'Our vision is that this Neighbourhood Plan should help maintain and further improve the character, infrastructure and environmental features of our village for both the current and future generations.

Our aims for this plan are that:

- The history of our village will be honoured and maintained, with new history being recognised and celebrated
- Isleham will maintain its visual and physical separation from Fordham and that its place in the locality will grow positively in terms of both its independence and its interdependence of other local towns and villages
- As the population of Isleham inevitably grows, it will be a place where everyone; feels safe, welcomed, experiences positive wellbeing and is able to contribute to our very special community.
- The demand for new housing will be justified, carefully planned and will have a positive impact on the villages distinctive character and semi- rural environment.
- That the natural landscape including footpaths, green spaces and valued views will be protected and where wildlife and habitats are able to flourish
- That as the village experiences growth, there will be proportionate improvements to the infrastructure of our village including increased employment opportunities and transport links

- Our draft Neighbourhood Plan can be found at: <http://isleham-village.co.uk/Parish%20Council/Council%20Documents/Final%20NP%2016.5.21.pdf>
- The ECDC Local Plan can be found at: https://www.eastcamb.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Local%20Plan%20April%202015%20-%20front%20cover%20and%20inside%20front%20cover_0.pdf
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Residents are kindly asked to:

- Consider our draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- Comment on some or all of the different sections and policies included within the plan (see below)
- Submit responses to The Parish Office, The Beeches, 32 Mill Street before Wednesday 1st Sept 2021

Policy 1a: Housing Growth (NP pages – 24-27)

The housing requirement for Isleham between 2020 and 2031 is 0 dwellings.

Any additional sustainable development must contribute to the needs of the village and will include:

- Small-scale infill and windfall developments, located within the Development Envelope for Isleham (See Map 3)
- Development of approximately 45 dwellings at the site allocated for development at Land off Fordham Rd (See site ISL7 on Map 4)
- Rural affordable housing exception site development.

Land outside the Development Envelope is defined as open countryside, where development will normally only be allowed for:

- Affordable housing to meet local needs on sites well-related to Isleham village;
- The operation of existing businesses such as agriculture, horticulture, forestry, outdoor recreation &
- Other uses which can demonstrate a genuine need to be located in the countryside. Such uses could include the provision of new or replacement community facilities or essential infrastructure, where this cannot be accommodated within the Development Envelope and is required to meet the needs of local people.

All development proposals must be of an appropriate scale, and should improve or not unacceptably impact on:

- The amenity of new and existing residents;
- The rural character and setting of Isleham village and its surrounding open countryside landscapes;
- The historic and natural environment, including the Conservation Area and other heritage assets;
- The provision or capacity of services, community facilities and infrastructure;
- The highway networks.

All other residential development will be contrary to the strategy of this neighbourhood plan, and should be refused.

Comment

Policy 1b: Housing Types (NP pages 24-27)

Development proposals for residential use should provide a mix of house types and sizes to help ensure a diverse community resides within the village, specifically proposals which provide two bedroomed dwellings, meet the needs of an ageing population and are suitable for lifetime occupation will be supported.

To protect the character of the built form of the village, flats or apartments of three storeys or more will only be approved on an exceptional basis.

Development proposals for residential use should provide affordable housing on-site in accordance with Local Plan Policy HOU 3 or a subsequent replacement Local Plan policy. Development proposals on sites outside of, but immediately adjacent to, the Development Envelope may be considered as a Rural Exception Site where the proposal is to enable a majority of affordable housing. Where development is proposed on a Rural Exception Site, it must be demonstrated that it meets an identified local need which cannot be met within the Development Envelope and conditions may be implemented prioritising occupiers with a Strong Local Connection.

Planning permission will only be granted if it can be demonstrated that there is, or will be, sufficient infrastructure capacity to support and meet all the necessary requirements arising from a proposed development. Development may need to be phased spatially or chronologically to ensure the provision of infrastructure in a timely manner with conditions or planning obligations to be used in securing any phasing arrangements.

Comment

Policy 2: Character & Design (NP pages 27-32)

Development proposals must deliver high quality design through:

- Delivering a quantum of development that is appropriate for the site, taking into account the site size and shape, making the best use of the site given its context;
- Responding to key features on the site such as trees, hedges, topography, and buildings and

retaining them as part of the scheme wherever possible;

- Responding to important characteristics of the surrounding area including views, buildings and their materials and design features, building heights, space between buildings, heritage assets, and trees;
- Introducing visual interest from the surrounding area through the overall design, orientation and position of buildings, architectural details, landscaping and materials, particularly when viewed from publicly accessible areas
- Providing a mix of dwelling styles and sizes where appropriate;
- Ensure the height of new development is reflective of the low (two storeys or fewer) character of present development in the village;
- Including a robust green landscaping scheme that is appropriate for the site and links well with surrounding green infrastructure;
- Providing adequate amenity space for future occupiers of the properties;
- Not resulting in unacceptable impacts on the amenity of occupants of neighbouring or nearby properties;
- Providing buildings and spaces that are accessible, inclusive and safe; and
- Using high quality materials throughout the scheme.

Proposals that exhibit substandard design quality, particularly when considered against these requirements, will not be supported.

Plans and supporting statements submitted with planning applications should make clear how decisions on the design of the proposal were arrived at and why they are appropriate for the context of the site.

Development that exhibits outstanding or innovative design will be supported in principle, where this is appropriate for the context of the site.

Comment

Policy 3: Local Green Spaces (NP pages 32-36)

The following locations are to be designated as Local Green Spaces:

- IGS 1 Recreation Ground
- IGS 2 Nature Reserve and Arable Land
- IGS 3 Community Orchard
- IGS 4 Allotments
- IGS 5 Millennium Woods
- IGS 6 Coates Drove
- IGS 7 The Washes
- IGS 8 Little London Drove
- IGS 10 Parish Graveyards
- IGS 9 Bowling Green
- IGS 11 St Andrew's Church Social Centre
- IGS 15 Scrubland Waterside
- IGS 20 Village Pond

Development proposals on a Local Green Space will not be permitted other than in very special circumstances, in line with national policy.

Comment

Policy 4: Maintaining Separation (NP page 37)

Development proposals located in areas between Isleham and any neighbouring settlement that would either visually or physically reduce the separation, or sense of separation, will not be supported.

Any development proposals in these gaps should be accompanied by evidence of the visual impact of the proposed scheme in relation to the gap.

Comment

Policy 5: Locally Important Views (NP pages 38-41)

The following views are designated as Locally Important Views:

- IV01 - View of St Andrew's Church from Mill Street

- IV02 - View along Mill Street from the Co-op corner
- IV03 - View north to the Priory from Mill Street
- IV04 - View down Limestone Close to the Lime kilns
- IV05 - View across Fordham Moor to Fordham
- IV06 - View across Priory Field to the Priory
- IV07- View down Beck Road across old cemetery to the Alms houses
- IV08 - View from Coates Drove across Isleham Fen towards Ely Cathedral
- IV09 - view from Little London Drove across Isleham Fen towards Ely Cathedral
- IV10 - View from Millennium Wood across to Lee Beck and to Fordham
- IV11 - View from Beck Road to the Ark Church

Development proposals should not obstruct or detract from a Locally Important View. Any proposal that has the potential to impact on these views should be accompanied by supporting information to demonstrate why the proposal will not have a negative impact on the view.

Comment:

Policy 6: Heritage Assets & Locally Important Buildings & Structures (NP pages 42-44)

The following properties and structures are designated as Locally Important Buildings:

- ILIB01 – The Priory
- ILIB02 – The Ark Church
- ILIB03 – St Andrew’s Church
- ILIB04 – Isleham Hall
- ILIB05 – Lady Peyton Alms Houses
- ILIB06 – Corner House
- ILIB07 – Old Fire station
- ILIB08 – The Sun
- ILIB09 – The Griffin
- ILIB10 – Merry Monk
- ILIB11 – Zoar Chapel
- ILB12 – Manor House
- ILB 13 – Lime Kilns

Development proposals requiring planning permission that have the potential to affect the significance of any Locally Important Building, including the contribution made by its appearance and setting should be accompanied by a heritage statement.

Proposals that would enhance or better reveal the significance of these locally important heritage assets will be supported. Proposals that would result in harm to the significance of a locally important building should normally be refused, unless:

- The harm is outweighed by the substantial public benefit of the proposal; or
- No viable use of the locally important building can be found and conservation by grant-funding, charitable or public ownership is demonstrably not possible.

Comment:

Policy 7: Wildlife & Habitats (NP pages 44-45)

All development proposals, regardless of size should respect these policy objectives which will contribute to the government’s 25-year plan for the environment,

Development proposals should, wherever possible, seek to enhance connectivity of green networks through the inclusion of strong landscaping schemes that include trees, shrubs, hedgerows, green roofs and green walls, for example.

Wherever possible, development proposals should avoid the loss of wildlife habitats or natural features such as trees, hedgerows, watercourses or ponds. Where the loss of a feature is unavoidable, mitigation may be acceptable through the introduction of new features that will result in at least a neutral impact on the wildlife.

Overall a net gain in biodiversity should be achieved as set out in the draft Environment Bill. This should be demonstrated by appropriate evidence prepared by a suitably qualified person on behalf of the applicant.

Comment:

Policy 8: Services and Facilities (NP pages 45-47)

Proposals for the delivery of new community facilities or extensions to existing facilities will be supported in principle, where they:

- Are appropriately located
- Would not likely result in conflict with occupants of neighbouring properties, give rise to any other significant adverse impact or be detrimental to the rural character and environment of our parish

Development proposals that would result in the loss of a Valued Community Facility will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated with suitable evidence that it satisfies the requirements of Local Plan Policy COM3 or a subsequent replacement Local Plan Policy and should be accompanied, where relevant by a heritage statement.

Comment:

Policy 9: Pedestrian Access & Public Rights of Way (NP pages 47-49)

Development proposals that would obstruct or would result in a significant impact upon the enjoyment of a public right of way will not normally be allowed. This can include but is not limited to:

- Proposals for the creation of new dwellings,
- New buildings for commercial uses,
- For the change of use of building where the proposal would materially increase the activity on the site or where the proposed use would result in an impact through noise, odour, light or other pollution, where this would have potential to diminish accessibility, connectivity or tranquillity of a right of way.

Development proposals:

- That would be clearly visible from a public right of way should consider the appearance of the proposal from the right of way and incorporate green landscaping to reduce any visual impacts
- That will enhance or extend an existing public right of way or that will deliver a new right of way in a suitable location will be viewed favourably.
- Should incorporate adequate and safe pedestrian links from every property within the site to the existing footpath network should utilise any opportunity (where appropriate) to link two or more public rights of way thus enhancing connectivity through the village

Comment

Policy 10: Car Parking (NP pages 49-51)

Development proposals will be required to meet the parking standards in the Local Plan as a minimum and proposals which exceed this minimum will, in principle, be welcomed, provided this does not give rise to a poor-quality design overall.

In proposals incorporating residential development, vehicle parking will usually be required to be provided on-plot. Any on-street or courtyard parking will require justification for why it is the most appropriate design solution for the proposal, including a clear demonstration of how the spaces are suitably located near to an entry point of each dwelling using the parking area which mean that the space(s) will likely be used by future occupiers. Any on-street parking should be included in initial designs to ensure that any visual impact is minimised and to ensure that movement for vehicles and pedestrians will not be restricted.

Proposals that are likely to result in unplanned on-street parking will not be supported.

Proposals will be expected to include facilities for electric plug-in vehicles with an adequate number of plugs in a convenient location to charge vehicles in each allocated car space. Information supporting the application should demonstrate the suitability of the number and location of these charging points in relation to the parking spaces to be provided.

Comment:

Policy 11: Cycle Parking & Storage (NP pages 51-52)

Residential development proposals should be accompanied by adequate, safe and secure cycle parking. This may be provided within garages where this will not affect parking spaces relied on for cars or can be accounted for within private garden spaces where the garden has easy direct access and is of an adequate size to accommodate a cycle shed and adequate amenity space for the dwelling. Where shared cycle parking is proposed, this should be incorporated into the design of the scheme so that it is safe and secure, in a well-lit location that is overlooked, and in a convenient location for the users of the facility. Shared cycling storage should, wherever possible, be delivered in excess of 1 cycle space per dwelling.

Comment:

Proposed Community Infrastructure Levy Projects (NP page 52)

- Project A – Investigate opportunities with the use of land being bequeathed to the Parish as part of the Bloor Homes development
- Project B – Upgrade The Priory car park, making more effective use of this off - street parking whilst ensuring access to the Priory Field and enhancing views of the Priory
- Project C – Promote the provision of public transport to Isleham to improve connectivity within the parish and to neighbouring areas.
- Project D – Investigate options for improving recreational and social opportunities within and ensure the ensure the long-term viability of The Beeches Community Centre.
- Project E – Investigate opportunities to deliver additional and improved activities for teenagers in the village
- Project F – Organise community events to assist with the management of The Nature Reserve Isleham Woods and other public open areas to maintain and improve these for the community benefit and to assist in developing community cohesion
- Project G – Investigate opportunities to enhance the public rights of way in Isleham Parish including the potential for improved access for all users, and for extending and linking existing public rights of way.
- Project H – Investigate opportunities with the education authority to deliver new or enhanced educational facilities in the village.
- Project I – Investigate opportunities with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver new medical facilities in the village

Comment:

Personal details (Mandatory)

Name..... Email address.....

Address.....

Date..... Signed.....

**Please submit completed questionnaires to
The Parish Office, The Beeches, 32 Mill Street before Wednesday 1st September 2021**

Isleham Parish Council wish to express their sincere appreciation to the many residents who have contributed to this plan.



Isleham Parish Council Update

July 2021

Parish Council Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month at The Beeches. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and 15 minutes are set aside each month for public questions. (No food or drink to be bought into the meeting room, please.)

Full copies of the agendas and minutes are available on the Parish Council website, the notice boards outside The Beeches and at the junction between Church Street & Pound Lane and from the Parish Clerk, Richard Liddington: tel 01638 781687, email islehampc@gmail.com. Summarised agendas are also posted on the Isleham News Facebook page. If you would prefer a copy of the agenda emailing directly to you then please contact me at the email address above.

Highways Matters

Although I do post notifications of impending street works onto the Isleham News Facebook page I am aware that due to the amount of detail, they are not necessarily always legible. If anyone would like a copy of these notifications then please do contact me at the email address above.

We also kindly ask that residents avoid parking on grass verges as this prevents grass cutting from taking place and damages the verges, which makes them unsightly.

Allotment Matters

There is currently just one plot available on the Three Trees site on Beck Road. Please do contact me if you are interested in taking this plot or if you would like to be added to the waiting list for a plot on the Dun-stall site on Station Rd.

Neighbourhood Plan *July 2021 Informer*

You will have received notification in the July edition of The Informer of our public consultation of our draft Neighbourhood Plan for Isleham. Paper copies of this document can be found at The Beeches and in both the Coop and the Post Office. For most people the easiest way to view this document and complete the consultation document is online using the following links:

• Isleham Draft Neighbourhood Plan: <http://isleham-village.co.uk/Parish%20Council/Council%20Documents/Final%20NP%2016.5.21.pdf>

• Consultation document <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/tfJE4DXb>

A special open event is also being held at The Beeches between 9.00am and 8.00pm on Tuesday 17th August when councillors will be available to answer any questions and listen to any comments that you may have.

Fly Tipping

Incidents of fly tipping should be reported directly to ECDC via their website: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping>

Recreation Ground

We are becoming increasingly concerned by the number of dogs which are being brought onto the recreational field and into the play area outside The Beeches Community Centre. I copy below a link to the relevant NHS site which outlines the dangers of one of the main illnesses caused by coming into contact with dog faeces. As you can see, children are particularly susceptible to such illness and our 'no dogs' rule is therefore primarily aimed at ensuring the health of our young people. Toxocariasis - NHS (www.nhs.uk).

Additional signs clarifying the fact that dogs are not allowed on any area of the site will be installed on the perimeter fence within the next few weeks but I would like to take this opportunity in asking for resident's support on this matter including politely challenging anyone else you might see who might not be adhering to this ruling.

Planning Applications (June - July) *

21/00665/FUL Single storey rear extension. 6 Little London Isleham. Mr Clarke & Ms Rix No Objection

21/00668/FUL Proposed conversion of a grade II listed outbuilding into a separate 2-bed dwelling house. 41 Mill Street Isleham Mr & Mrs George No Objection

21/00731/TPO T1 - Sycamore - Reduce to main fork as shown on photo due to tree in decline but to try and give chance of survival
T2 - Sycamore- Reduce to red lines shown on photo. Note tree is causing damage to wall

T3 - Sycamore- Reduce overhang as shown on photo
T4 - Reduce to red lines as shown on photo 58 West Street Isleham. Mr Clarke No Objection

21/00749/VAR To vary Condition 1 (Approved plans & documents) of previously approved 17/02147/FUL for Proposed detached two storey dwelling with integral garage. Site East Of Appleyard Farm Houghtons Lane Isleham Mr & Mrs D Beckett No objection

21/00789/FUL Side two-storey extension. 14 Church Lane Isleham Mr P Bishop No objection subject to the final choice of building materials being in keeping with the architectural features of the village

21/00809/FUL Proposed two storey dwelling with garage and parking - Site part of outline planning consent 19/01178/OUT (Plot 5) Appleyard Farm 1 Houghtons Lane Isleham Mr & Mrs A Bruyneel-Smith No objection

21/00810/FUL Proposed two storey dwelling with single storey garage block (see 19/01178/OUT) Plot 4 Appleyard Farm 1 Houghtons Lane Isleham Mr & Mrs G Bruyneel No objection

21/00833/FUL Garden storage shed to the rear of property (retrospective) 1 Goodchilds Gardens Isleham Mr & Mrs Meekham. Objection

21/00853/FUL Proposed demolition of existing rear outbuilding and erection of single storey rear extension and associated works. 16 Croft Road Isleham Mr G Garbett No objection

Appendix 16 Copy of standard email sent to regulation 14 Statutory and local consultees 29th June 2021

Richard Liddington <islehampc@gmail.com>

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to me, bcc: Nik, bcc: localplan, bcc: clara.kerr, bcc: local.plan, bcc: PlanningPolicy, bcc: planning.policy, bcc: localplan, bcc: Sara.Saunders, bcc: planning.policy, bcc: colum.fitzsimons, bcc: stephen.faulkner, bcc: naomi.chamberlain, bcc: mark.ash, bcc: e777ans, bcc: Ashley, bcc: cmbryant, bcc: clerk, bcc: brinkleyclerk, bcc: ansa911, bcc: clerk.bgpc, bcc: Yvonne, bcc: Marilyn, bcc: Sally, bcc: info, bcc: clerk, bcc: cary, bcc: dullinghamparishclerk, bcc: <fordhampc@btinternet.com>, bcc: chris.ray, bcc: clerk, bcc: me, bcc: kennettparishclerk, bcc: mkiteley, bcc: daleparsonpc, bcc: parish.clerk, bcc: lodeparishclerk, bcc: Robert, bcc: clerk, bcc: clerk, bcc: snailwellparishcouncil, bcc: info, bcc: lilywhymer, bcc: clerk, bcc: clerk, bcc: rosie.hughes, bcc: markinskipspc, bcc: clerk, bcc: sromero, bcc: swaffhampriorclerk, bcc: parishclerk, bcc: Richard.fella, bcc: wickenparishcouncil, bcc: lizhoughton39, bcc: clerk.wilburton, bcc: member, bcc: witchamparishc, bcc: Islehamparishcouncil, bcc: THEOJ43, bcc: beckrowparishcouncil, bcc: parishclerk, bcc: info, bcc: colnepc, bcc: clerk, bcc: john.barnett1000, bcc: dalhamparishcouncil, bcc: Clerk, bcc: clerk, bcc: feltwellparishclerk, bcc: clerk, bcc: freckenhamparishclerk, bcc: greatbradleyparishclerk, bcc: clerk, bcc: hilgayparishclerk, bcc: parishclerkhockwold, bcc: clerk, bcc: eastell19, bcc: lakenheathpc, bcc: lidgateparishcouncil, bcc: ClerkGW, bcc: Terry, bcc: da, bcc: townclerk, bcc: ousdenparishcouncil, bcc: clerk, bcc: parishclerk1, bcc: parishclerk, bcc: Waterbeach, bcc: clerk, bcc: West, bcc: clerk, bcc: planningconsultation, bcc: thecoalauthority, bcc: mark.white, bcc: EastSouthEast, bcc: infogov, bcc: consultations, bcc: elizabeth.mugova, bcc: eastplanningpolicy, bcc: townplanningse, bcc: property, bcc: planningEE, bcc: ha_info, bcc: consultations, bcc: newsitereceptioneastofengland, bcc: info, bcc: hwilson4, bcc: spatialplanning, bcc: julie.spence, bcc: julia.beeden, bcc: iain.green, bcc: jean, bcc: n.grid, bcc: spencer.jefferies, bcc: box.landandacquisitions, bcc: capccg.primarycare, bcc: ian.burns, bcc: jim.whiteley, bcc: wpdnewsuppliesmids

Dear Consultee

As part of the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2015 (as amended), Isleham Parish Council is undertaking a Pre-Submission Consultation on the Draft Isleham Neighbourhood Plan.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has provided your details as a body/individual we are required to consult and your views on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan would be welcomed.

Our draft Neighbourhood Plan can be found at: <http://isleham-village.co.uk/Parish%20Council/Council%20Documents/Final%20NP%2016.5.21.pdf>

We look forward to receiving your comments before Wednesday 1st September 2021

If possible, please submit them online at <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/tfJE4DXb> otherwise please complete the attached and send them in a reply to this email.

Paper copies of our draft Neighbourhood Plan can also be found at The Beeches, The Coop and the Post Office in Isleham

All personal information will be stored and used in line with our data protection policy which can be found at <http://isleham-village.co.uk/Parish%20Council/Council%20Documents/Information%20Protection%20Policy%20-%20March%202018.pdf>

Kind Regards Richard Liddington Clerk to Isleham Parish Council

Appendix 17 Accessibility Statement

- The Parish website can be found at [Isleham-village Council](#).
- The draft plan can be found at [Neighbourhood Plan \(isleham-village.co.uk\)](#)
- The Isleham Informer is a quarterly magazine distributed to every house in Isleham. Electronic copies can also be found at: [Neighbourhood Plan \(isleham-village.co.uk\)](#)
- Key information was also posted on the Isleham News Facebook page which can be found at [Isleham News | Groups | Facebook](#)
- Parish Council meetings which are all open to the public and which have included direct consideration of the NP and responses to individual planning applications can be found [IPC Minutes & Agendas \(isleham-village.co.uk\)](#)

Agenda No	Meeting Date
June 2017	
17-18/32	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> It was agreed that we would be helpful to be proactive in our approach towards the possibility of future housing developments, to ensure that issues such as improvements to highways, services and a GP surgery are brought forward into any negotiations. It was agreed to establish a Neighbourhood Planning forum made up of Councillors in the first instance but to include local residents / professionals with appropriate skill sets in the future. LW PW GP DB RR and PR expressed their desire to be included in this group.</p>
August 2017	
17-18/86	<p><u>Neighbourhood Planning Forum.</u> RR noted that an appetite was expressed at the recent meeting to establish a Neighbourhood Plan. It was proposed by LW and seconded by PW that the forum will consider how best to complete a plan. CARRIED</p>
6th November 2017	
17-18/188	<p><u>Neighbourhood plan</u> A discussion was held on the development of a neighbourhood plan for Isleham. It was proposed by PW and seconded by GP that advice be initially sought from Mark Deas at CAPALC on this matter. It was noted that subsequent advice could be expensive. Clerk to include as a single agenda item for January. Unanimous</p>
December 2017	
17-18/228	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u> Mark Deas from Cambridgeshire ACRE gave a presentation on the process and main advantages and challenges of constructing a neighbourhood plan. Key points discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACRE are a charity specifically focussed on supporting rural communities such as Isleham • ‘Neighbourhood Plans’ have replaced ‘Parish Plans’ as the main political tool used by Parishes for informing land use. • Neighbourhood Plans generally require a 2 year timeframe and include a strategic vision for the development of an individual parish. This is then broken down into aspects such as; aims, planning policy, improvement plans and identification of potential sites for development • Neighbourhood Plans should be partly seen as providing a localised context for the Local Plan. They cannot be considered simply as a tool for restricting growth but considered in conjunction with the Local Plan • The process for publishing a Neighbourhood Plan includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ initial public consultation to ensure / encourage community involvement ○ application to ECDC for designated status (automatic subject to adherence to policy) ○ public consultation on; key issues for inclusion in the draft plan, establishing the evidence base for inclusion, aims and objectives etc ○ pre submission consultation period (6 weeks) ○ draft plan submitted to ECDC for consideration – who normally recommend some changes ○ public vote on the plan (50% + 1 vote required for approval) <p><i>*RTPI have a useful road map for the process</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the Local Plan is rejected i.e. due to lack of deliverable housing stock, the Neighbourhood Plan is also rejected. • £9k Central Government funding is currently available to support the writing of Neighbourhood Plans. It is hoped that this will be extended beyond the current March 2018 deadline. Such funding could be used to engage ACRE. • Additional IPC money might also be needed, including £400 for an initial consultation meeting. The total amount would also depend on the complexity of the plan and the amount of volunteer expertise which may / may not be available from within the village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only a few villages within ECDC have produced Neighbourhood Plans and it may be best to consider case studies from South Cambs. <p><u>Potential benefits of producing a Neighbourhood Plan include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased consideration of local issues when making decisions of land use. • Increased CIL income. <p><u>Potential challenges in producing a Neighbourhood Plan include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A significant amount of Councillor / Volunteer time is necessary to put a plan together and it is unfortunately fairly common for communities to lose steam when going through the process. • Financial investment from IPC. <p><u>Key considerations whether to proceed with devising a Neighbourhood Plan include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a genuine need for a plan ? i.e. is there: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a general dissatisfaction with ECDC response to planning applications? ○ likely to be further (contentious) development post the current Local Plan? ○ a sufficient desire for increased CIL revenue? • What are the key features we would want including in and be best delivered through a Neighbourhood Plan? • Would the plan be best focussed on a key geographical aspect/ part of the village i.e. green spaces? <p>What is the capacity for volunteer, professional support from within the village to undertake the work?</p> <p>Initial, individual views were sought regarding Councillors appetite to proceed with a plan:</p> <p>Specific note was made by several Councillors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential time and energy required to put a plan together. • The increased CIL income which would result from a plan being in place. • Whether current frustrations towards ECDC's apparent disregard for our response to planning applications would really be addressed by a Neighbourhood Plan. <p>County Councillor Raynes was asked for his thoughts and suggested that the construction of a Neighbourhood Plan might:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the Parish Councils commitment to addressing local issues (i.e. also help address negative local perceptions) • Help ensure the retaining of key characteristics of our village within both the Local Plan as well as amongst specific land /property developers. <p>It was greed to further discuss this idea at our meeting on the 22nd January.</p>
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22nd January 2018

17-18/258	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>A review of the key points identified in the minutes of the meeting of the 18th December was led by RR. Specific points discussed / questions raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would a Neighbourhood Plan be of sufficient value? - Does the village have the capacity to complete a plan? - Would the council have to pay back any of the £9k grant if it starts, but fails to complete a plan? <p>It was acknowledged by all concerned that the Local Plan would still take precedent over a Neighbourhood Plan but that a Neighbourhood Plan would provide us with the opportunity to more strongly inform areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - planning i.e. styles of architecture, identified locations for development, construction finishes, boundary hedges & fences, all of which we might want to ensure, reflect the rural nature of our village
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - infrastructure i.e. highways, shops, library service - social expectations i.e. future youth activities <p>There was a general feeling that the village probably has the expertise for putting a plan together but we're obviously uncertain if there is the willingness to get involved.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish AGM on the 30th April would include a short presentation on the idea of putting a plan together and to gauge interest of public involvement. This is to be advertised on a flyer as part of the March / April edition of the Isleham Informer.</p> <p>It was proposed by SP and seconded by BT that the Parish Council allocate £400 for the purpose of inviting Mark Deas to the Parish AGM and for any initial engagement. UNANIMOUS</p>
October 2019	
19-20/132	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>RR provided an update to the plan, with the immediate priorities being our funding application and the establishment of a draft Village Character Assessment. The next planning meeting is being held on 16.10.19 at 7.15pm</p>
November 2019	
19-20/154	<p><u>Housing Needs Survey.</u></p> <p>RR identified the need to undertake a housing survey as part of our Neighbourhood Plan. This is to be funded from our Neighbourhood Plan Grant</p> <p>It was proposed by PW and seconded by DB to employ Cambridgeshire Acre to undertake this survey. UNANIMOUS</p>
19-20/162	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Update</u></p> <p>RR proved the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we have been successful in our grant application - that a 'due diligence' arrangement is in place for the spending of money from this grant - different areas of the plan have been assigned to different groups / individuals - the current primary focus is on producing a Character Assessment of the village <p>It was proposed by DB and seconded by AD that the grant funding be paid into IPC accounts and that RR, CP and GP be the identified signatories. UNANIMOUS</p>
January 2020	
19-20/206	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Update</u></p> <p>RR provided a brief update on progress to date. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm</p>
February 2020	
19-20/216	
March 2020	
19-20/222	<p>Public Matters. A resident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - questioned the response date for planning application number 18/01375/FUL. It was confirmed that this would be considered at the next meeting which (subject to an extension from ECDC) will be on either the 16th March or the 6th April - offered his help with the formation of the Neighbourhood Plan, which was welcomed
19-20/234	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event</u></p> <p>RR reported that the above would take place at The Beeches on Thursday 26th March between 2.30pm – 8.00pm and that Councillor support would be welcome.</p>
August 2020	
20-21/80	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Update</u></p> <p>RR reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - updates are being made to individual sections and that these are being compiled into a single document prior to next Monday's NP meeting. - additional grant funding is likely to be applied for - further public consultation will follow in due course
September 2020	

20-21/102	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> (including Planning for The Future Document)</p> <p>AD reported that good progress is being made on the draft plan and that the next working party meeting is to be held on 15th September. This meeting will focus on how the new planning regulations (see below) might be accommodated within the plan.</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907956/Planning_for_the_Future_web_accessible_version.pdf</p>
November 2020	
20-21/138	<p><u>Government White Paper: Planning for the Future</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the recent white paper and in particular the summary provided by Richard Kays from ECDC. It is clear that if approved, these changes will have a significant effect on the role of Parish Councils in the planning process, including the role of Neighbourhood Plans.</p>
20-21/146	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>A copy of the draft plan had previously been circulated to councillors. It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obtain comments and amendments from other members of the working party and update the draft plan accordingly - submit and seek an initial response from ECDC towards the plan including possible updates to section 4:2 (design) in light of the new government white paper - undertake further consultation with the village community
December 2020	
20-21/158	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>The first draft of the plan has received a favourable response from ECDC. A number of revisions are to be made and further advice sought in the new year.</p>
January 2021	
20-21/178	<p>RR expressed his congratulations to Isleham resident Mr Alastair Burn for his recent award of an MBE for services to conservation work in the East of England. Particular note was made of his support for the ongoing Isleham Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Clerk</p>
February 2021	
20-21/202	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Update</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that most of ECDC's suggested changes to the draft plan have been completed. It was agreed to bring the updated plan to the March meeting, before then consulting with residents</p>
March 2021	
20-21/224	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>The clerk reported that further recommendations had been received from ECDC to the draft plan and that most of these amendments had now been made. It would now appear however that a zero growth in housing would not be accepted by ECDC and so RR is reconsidering Policy 1. It is hoped that the final draft plan will be available for consideration at the April meeting.</p>
April 2021	
20-21/256	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>Amendments to the Housing Growth Section of the draft Neighbourhood Plan was disseminated, including a proposed new Development Envelope. It was noted that further changes may still be suggested by ECDC but in the meantime councillors should inform the clerk of any issues raised by this proposal.</p>
May 2021	
20-21/268	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>Councillors held a review of the proposed Development Envelope central to the Neighbourhood Plan. It was confirmed that ECDC are finally happy with the proposed Housing Growth Policy and that the plan was therefore ready for public consultation. It was proposed by PW and seconded by GP to proceed with this two-month process, which is to include; an online survey, a special edition of The Informer as well as hard copies of the plan in the Co-op, Beeches and Post Office.</p>
June 2021	

21-22/18	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Consultation</u></p> <p>The clerk confirmed that we await the publication of the June edition of The Informer before being able to start the consultation process. A provisional list of additional, local consultees has been established but councillors are encouraged to contact the clerk with any other groups they feel should be included on this list.</p>
July 2021	
21-22/40	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that the formal consultation period has begun and will run until 1.9.21. No additional local consultees were identified. In addition to the online and published consultation process it was agreed to organise a community event at The Beeches to give residents the opportunity to comment on the plan.</p>
August 2021	
21-22/73	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Responses</u></p> <p>Acknowledgements of our consultation have been received from: Freckenham, West Row, Chatteris, Cheveley & Haddenham Parish Councils UK Power, Norfolk County Council, The Coal Planning Authority, Historic England & Ely Drainage Board</p>
September 2021	
21-22/94	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Responses</u></p> <p>It was noted that 77 residents had responded to the recent draft Neighbourhood Plan. Although the vast majority of responses were supportive of the plan it was agreed to consider the inclusion /amendment of a small number of suggestions. This matter is to be referred back to the NP committee</p>
October 2021	
20-21/116	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>The clerk talked through amendments made to the draft plan in response to the response from consultee. Other possible areas for change identified within this consultation process were discussed but not deemed appropriate or inclusion.</p> <p>Mrs Judkins (resident) had separately requested consideration for how areas of special historical interest within the parish might be referenced within the plan. It was agreed that such references could be added to the Heritage Assets section of the plan.</p> <p>Initial feedback to the changes has been received from ECDC. It is hoped that subsequent changes can be completed in time to enable submission for approval by ECDC at their December meeting.</p>
November 2021	
20-21/137	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>The clerk clarified that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he and RR were completing two further documents required by ECDC and that - dialogue is taking place regarding how the plan might incorporate the significant impact that the Sunnica proposals will have on the policies and integrity of the plan - that a public referendum is almost certainly required prior to submission to ECDC