

# Calverton Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 8th November 2016

# Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

#### Background

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on behalf of Calverton Parish Council, as the relevant qualifying body, (under Section 38A(12) of the Planning and Compensation Act 2004) for the Neighbourhood Area covering the Parish of Calverton, as designated by Gedling Borough Council on 16 January 2013. The name of the neighbourhood area is the 'Calverton Neighbourhood Area'.

Since the designation of Calverton as a neighbourhood area, various elements of consultation has been undertaken regarding the future planning of the village.

#### Consultation

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on behalf of the Parish Council undertook between November 2013 and January 2014 early work on the potential options for the Neighbourhood Plan. Public consultation was undertaken via an online questionnaire available on the Parish Council website and via a paper based questionnaire. In March and April 2016 the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group undertook Issues consultation which involved liaison with Gedling Borough Council, statutory consultees, local organisations and local residents. A meeting has also been held with the prospective developer of the main housing allocation.

Statutory consultation on the draft pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan was undertaken during a 9 week period from July to September 2016. This was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. This was in line with the resolution made by the Parish Council at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 28 June 2016

The consultation undertaken was in excess of the statutory 6 week period as the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group felt that it should be extended having regard to the summer holiday period. Statutory consultation was undertaken utilising the consultee details previously supplied by Gedling Borough Council. Consultation was also be undertaken with local residents and businesses, including those who had commented previously at the Issues stage.

Public consultation took the form of 6 drop-in sessions at Calverton Baptist Church on a weekly basis over the last 6 of the 9 week consultation period. These sessions included two of each:

weekday daytime, weekday evening and weekend drop-in to allow access opportunity for as many people as possible. A further drop-in session was also held at the opening of the village hall.

# **Responses Received**

The following level of responses was received to the draft pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan:

Number of Statutory Consultee responses received	11
Number of responses received from developers	3
Number of written responses received from residents	91
Total number of responses received	105

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on behalf of Calverton Parish Council has considered all of the responses made and has made a number of amendments to the Plan in response to the comments received, including those received from Gedling Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority.

# Recommendation

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group recommend that Calverton Parish Council make the following resolution:

Calverton Parish Council, as the relevant qualifying body, (under Section 38A(12) of the Planning and Compensation Act 2004) for the 'Calverton Neighbourhood Area' hereby resolves to Submit the Submission Version of the Calverton Neighbourhood Plan to Gedling Borough Council in accordance with Regulation 15 of Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. The required supporting documents will also be submitted.

# **Next Steps**

The Submission Version of the Calverton Neighbourhood Plan to Gedling Borough Council will be submitted to Gedling Borough Council within the next week or so. The Borough Council will then be responsible for organising a statutory 6 week consultation under Regulation 16 of Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012; organise a public examination under Regulations 17 and 18 of Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012; and make a decision following public examination under Regulations 19 and 20 of Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. The timescales for these stages of the process are in the hands of Gedling Borough Council.