



**GREAT GLEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT
5 September 2015
CONSULTATION RESULTS**



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1. Background

a) Project Brief

*Your*locale was commissioned by Great Glen Parish Council to assist in the delivery of a drop-in event on Neighbourhood Planning on 5 September 2015. The event took place between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm at a stall at the annual Great Glen Wheelbarrow Race on the Recreation Ground.

The aim of this event was to feedback to the community on the policies emerging through the Neighbourhood Plan and to seek comments – including Local Green Space designations, approaches to new development and other issues such as community facilities and services; traffic and transport; housing design; business and leisure.

b) Publicity

The drop-in event was promoted in a variety of ways:

- Leaflets and flyers about the event were produced and circulated through the Parish and left in public places (i.e. on notice boards);
- The local newsletter, Glen Sence, promoted the event;
- Parish Councillors promoted the event through local contacts;
- A dedicated web-site publicised the event.

2. Format of Event

a) Process on the day

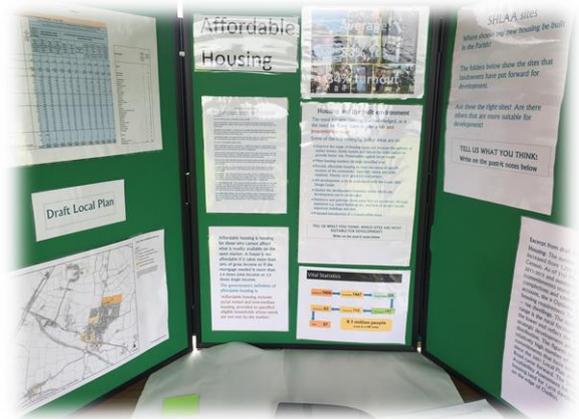
Stall at the event	Steering Group Members welcomed attendees on arrival and explained what had taken place to date in progressing the Neighbourhood Plan.
Background	The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process that is being followed by Great Glen Parish Council.
Information	Details of SHLAA sites within the Parish were made available for people to look through as they viewed the displays.
Consultation on key issues	<p>A series of display boards were spread across the stall, each of which focussed on a different topic related to planning and development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local Green Space and Environment▪ Housing and Design▪ Businesses and Employment▪ Heritage▪ Traffic and Transport▪ Leisure and Community Facilities <p>Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on each topic using post-it notes and to place them on flip-chart paper under each display or on the display itself.</p>

b) Display Boards

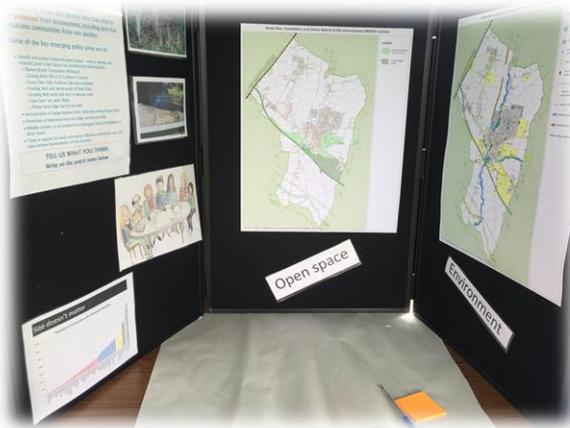
Neighbourhood Planning



Housing and development



Open Space



General



Business, design and community facilities



c) Attendance

The event was very well attended, as the images on this page demonstrate, with significant interest being shown through the day by people who live in Great Glen as well as visitors to the Parish.



3.Commernts made

Summary of findings

Comments were made reflecting a wide range of opinions; however, people who attended the consultation event demonstrated a consistency in a number of key areas:

General – The number of new development applications prompted a request to complete the Neighbourhood Plan as soon as possible to be effective against new development. ‘Publish and revise’ was the comment.

Environment – One respondent asked how we can prevent builders grabbing green space? Others commented on the need for new homes to have renewable energy features including solar panels; supported the protection of fields between Oaks Road and Burton Brook and expressed concern that building on the field to the Oaks would result in it losing its special character.

Housing – Questions were asked about why Great Glen needs further housing, with concerns expressed over the damage to the character of the Village with further development. Others recognised the need for additional homes but proposed development between the bypass and London Road in order to avoid further congestion within the Village. Another comment supported further housebuilding only if the infrastructure was enhanced – the suggestions being a school, parking, shops, library etc. This theme was picked up by another respondent who commented that any development along Stretton Road would require road access improvements.

People commented on the types of housing to be constructed. One respondent said that inexpensive homes should be built and young people that are born and bred locally should be given priority. This was echoed by another respondent who said that they may need to move out of the area because only larger houses seem to be being built. One person commented on the need for smaller accommodation for older people from the Village, thereby freeing up larger homes for younger people. The need for smaller affordable housing was also mentioned.

To ease parking problems, the need for at least two off-road parking spaces per new dwelling was referenced and there was a request to release plots for self-builders to build quality homes tailored to the needs of the owners which should help people have a greater investment in the community.

Design – There was support for incorporating the standards contained within the Village Design Statement. The comment was made that keeping the look and feel of the Village is important.

Community Facilities – Additional financial resources for the school was highlighted as an issue, as was the need for a new school.

Transport and Access – Speed restrictions on Stretton Road were referenced as being needed, whilst attention was drawn to the junction at Stretton Road and Oaks Road needing a safe pedestrian crossing given the increase in traffic. Further comments also related to the increase in traffic along Stretton Road and the need for any further development to avoid adding direct traffic to this area.

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