

2019 May

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report

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1. The Steering Group last met on the 30th April.
2. The RCC presented the report they had prepared on the “Stakeholder” event, which was held on 19th March.

The top 5 issues, which mirrored those raised at the earlier “Drop-in” events were:

- Traffic and Transport;
- Facilities and Services;
- Renewable Energy;
- Housing
- Footpaths and bridleways.

3. The 6th most important issue was creating a vision for the parish to go into the Neighbourhood Plan. This is something the Steering Group will be working on.
4. Having contacted Mercenfeld School a Steering Group member was invited to give a presentation about the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be followed-up with a questionnaire for either the School Council or individual pupils to fill-in.
5. The school are also being approached to see if they’d like to design a logo for the Steering group to use.
6. Attempts are being made to see if Charnwood school would agree to hosting a similar presentation and questionnaire.

7. A Steering Group member is checking to see if the “Queen Bee” youth group might also like to have a presentation and fill-in questionnaires
8. There was some discussion of the consultation draft of Hinckley and Bosworth’s “Good Design Guide”. If approved it will form supplementary planning guidance and thus inform aspects of the neighbourhood plan. It was agreed to send some brief comments on before the consultation closing date.
9. The Steering Group had also received, from Hinckley and Bosworth, a copy of their newly produced Neighbourhood Planning SLA. It covers the support borough council will provide Parish Councils with – as the “qualifying body” – when they undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. It was presumed the PC had received a copy.
10. Having taken soundings from several other NP groups about their experiences of employing consultants to help prepare their NPs, the steering group is considering which route to follow.
11. The steering group will next meet on 28th May 2019

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