

Neighbourhood Plan: Progress Report June 2016

Overall progress is good.

Questionnaire Survey: Around 500 questionnaires were delivered to c 250 addresses in the village, taking in principal and second home owners, land owners and - where possible – mobile home-owners. 206 were returned, which means a response rate of c 40% - excellent (cf c10% in Hunstanton and Brancaster). Around 50% of these came from residents, 40% from second home owners and the remainder from land and mobile home-owners. We should have the basis for a very good evidence base.

Questionnaires have just been taken to a data bureau for coding and validation and will then be analysed by the team – results expected later in the summer.

Built Environment – Design Criteria: Meanwhile, in July we will be starting work on a survey of the housing & other buildings in the Parish. This will allow us to get a better understanding of the character of the village, identifying the key features and different areas so that we can use this to help define policies to guide any future development eg any new building, replacement dwellings or changes to existing buildings. The information we collect can be to be linked to:

- the results from the questionnaire survey
- other information we have been analysing from published sources such as the Population Census and the VOA
- maps we are producing showing the main geographical and environmental features of the village

GIS – Geographical Information System: We are now starting to build quite an impressive GIS which will draw together many of our data sources in the form of maps – eg the posters currently on display in the church. This will be used to support the work on the buildings survey.

Budget and Funding

Budget identified for funding – so far c£6.5k – which we hope will be recoverable.