

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Report Originator</b>	Head of Development Services	Fwd Plan Ref No: -	
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All	28 November 2018	
<b>Title</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS REPORT</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of progress on Neighbourhood Planning in the Borough.

### 2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 There are seven Neighbourhood Plan Groups formed in the Borough, each at different stages in the preparation of their Plans. Details of progress made with these is provided below:

#### **Rothwell Neighbourhood Plan**

- 2.2 Rothwell Town Council is revisiting producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the town. The Town Council has created a Working Party to recommence work on the Neighbourhood Plan by reviewing its old Parish Plan alongside an earlier version of the Neighbourhood Plan. An officer of the Council has met with the Working Group to advise on progressing the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **Desborough Neighbourhood Plan (Desborough Town Plan)**

- 2.3 The Desborough Neighbourhood Plan was being led by Desborough Town Council. The Group were working with consultants, Lathams, and advanced to a stage whereby a Draft Plan had been consulted upon in February 2016 and July 2017. In October 2017, the Borough Council advised that the Neighbourhood Plan receive an independent health check ahead of its Submission for Examination. An updated document was produced in late October 2017, this was referenced in evidence presented at a planning appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for a residential development at land to the south of Desborough.

- 2.4 Earlier this year, 10 Desborough Town Councillors resigned from their posts on the Council. As a result, Reserved Powers were put in place for the Town Council's functions, and no further progress was made in Submitting or progressing the Neighbourhood Plan. A new Town Council is now in place and has committed to the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. It has declared that a Working Party will review the current draft Plan before reporting its finding to the Town Council next month. The Borough Council has committed to continue to support the Steering Group in preparing its Plan.

#### **Broughton Neighbourhood Plan**

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- 2.5 The Broughton Neighbourhood Plan and Broughton Neighbourhood Development Order were successful through Referendum on 20<sup>th</sup> September. The Neighbourhood Development Order effectively grants outline planning permission for a period of 6 years to development meeting the conditions specified in the Order. A total of 658 votes were cast on the Neighbourhood Plan, with 95% voting yes; and 657 votes were cast on the Neighbourhood Development Order, with 93% voting yes.
- 2.6 Both the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan and the Neighbourhood Development Order were formally “Made” (adopted) by the Council’s Executive Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018. This therefore means the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan is part of the statutory Development Plan, and the Broughton Neighbourhood Order is granted planning permission for the development outlined in the Order.
- 2.7 The Borough Council and Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group were asked to contribute towards an article published in Planning Magazine, a fortnightly news magazine for planning professionals. The article was published on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, a copy of the article is provided at Appendix 1. In summary, the article recognises the “good practice” methods adopted by the Steering Group and Kettering Borough Council in preparing only the second successful Neighbourhood Development Order.

### **South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Plan**

- 2.8 This Neighbourhood Forum was set up on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Since that time, the community group has held an open event and other consultations have taken place. In addition, the Group has been gathering information to form its evidence in the preparation of a Draft Plan for consultation. To this end, it has managed to successfully secure two sums of funding support from Groundwork UK. A Draft Plan is in preparation, and is expected to be available to officers for review, ahead of the Group publishing the document for consultation early in the New Year.

### **Pytchley Neighbourhood Plan**

- 2.9 A draft version of the Pytchley Neighbourhood Plan was provided to the Borough Council for comment in May this year, officers provided comments. One of the prime suggestions made was that the group review the evidence being drawn upon to support policies and proposals contained within the Draft Plan.

### **Great Cransley Neighbourhood Plan**

- 2.10 Officers attended a meeting early in the year to advise the Neighbourhood Plan Group on the pathway going forward with their Plan. The Group met with a consultant during the Summer to enlist their help in preparing a Draft Plan.

### **Mawsley Neighbourhood Plan**

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2.11 Initial consultation was undertaken on the Mawsley Neighbourhood Plan, however no further progress has been made.

### **3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT**

3.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Groups are undertaking consultation during the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plans, including the Pre-submission stage, also known as Reg. 14. The Groups are then responsible for summarising the main issues and how these will be addressed under Reg. 15. It is submitted to the Borough Council whereby we publicise the Plan proposal in accordance with Reg. 16, and then we send a copy of the Plan and the representations to the Examiner as required by Reg. 17.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 A neighbourhood plan attains the same legal status as the Local Plan once it has been approved at referendum. At this point it comes into force as part of the statutory Development Plan.

### **5. USE OF RESOURCES**

5.1 None directly related to this report.

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Previous Reports/ Minutes:

Verbal Updates have also been provided to committee, and minuted.

Ref: Planning Policy Committee – Neighbourhood Plan Progress Report  
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