

Exning Parish council

Neighbourhood Plan - Supporting Statement

EPC wants to develop a Neighbourhood Plan because:

- We recognise the need for sustainable development and we want to have a say in where housing is sited, what type of housing is developed, and in the style of development.
- While accepting the need for sustainable development, we also wish to preserve the rural character of the existing village/settlement and focus new development in areas which do not disturb the heart of the village.
- We want to avoid congruence with Newmarket & Burwell.
- We have an issue with roads, especially the A142 & A14 and would like to see development in the area contributing to the improvement in our transport infrastructure.
- We wish to help preserve and protect our farming, shops, businesses and equine industries.
- We wish to help preserve and enhance our existing footpaths and bridleways and create more access and permeability in our village.
- We want to build a cycle and footpath to the village of Burwell and link it to the paths from Newmarket.
- We would like to see some increased employment opportunities in the vicinity.
- We need more housing and facilities (within the scope of FHDC local plan) for the elderly and for young families.
- We have issues with school places for our children and would like to see the school grow in the right way.
- We have parking and congestion issues at peak times and require a more homogenous approach to a parking solution. We would like to work with FHDC in the decriminalisation of parking in 2019.
- We have issues with crime and require a village wide approach to vigilance and property protection.

- We have identified a potential bypass route and wish to preserve it long enough for it to be built.
- We will include items of consensus where possible from the feedback from community consultations in Exning.

In accordance with:

- The NPPF and any other government guidance and legislation.
- SCC Highways and the police.
- The FHDC Local Plan and other guidance.
- Any applicable Sustainability Assessment/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA)
- Any body identified as necessary for facilitating the above.

Purpose

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to provide a guide for development within the Parish of Exning. Together with specific planning policies intended to instruct and guide both developers and landowners wishing to develop land within the Parish bounds. The plan will further provide a series of policies aimed at improving various aspects of the built environment, infrastructure and community resources within the parish.

Vision Our vision is that in 2031 the community of Exning will still sit in a rural setting, adjacent to but separate from the more urban developments of Newmarket and Burwell.

There will continue to be strategic gaps between the village and the urban areas. There will be some building, consistent with the FHDC Local Plan, to address the current and future needs of all sections of our community. We will have done our best to stimulate the local economy and to optimise opportunities for employment in the neighbourhood. The facilities, services and infrastructure will have been properly maintained, and upgraded where possible, to a standard fit for a time approaching the middle of the 21st century.

Objectives

1. To have a say in where housing is sited, what type of housing is developed, and the style of development
2. To provide for the changing housing needs of the community.
3. To enhance the built environment of our parish.
4. To retain Exning's identity as smaller, rural village, with a strong heritage.
5. To preserve the high quality and accessible countryside setting of Exning within the open landscape of Newmarket Heath, and to protect the valued green spaces within and around our village.
6. To stimulate the local economy and to optimise opportunities for local employment.
7. To protect and enhance our community facilities and recreation space to address the needs of a growing population.
8. To ensure the infrastructure within the parish is developed to support sustainable growth.
9. These objectives will be achieved by drawing on evidence, which will include a Characterisation Study.

Observations

- 1) In the event that FHDC ceases to exist in 2019, we fully expect to continue our plan with the new West Suffolk council, be it a District or a Borough and any emergent local plan that they may pursue.
- 2) The final page of this document is map of the Parish as of 1/4/2018 and is the area for which the plan will be made.