

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It is about the use and development of land and may contain a vision, aims, planning policy proposals for improving an area or providing new facilities.

The Parish Councils in Lound and Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton have established a steering group to oversee a process for the preparation of a draft plan, which will be put to a public referendum. Through a consultation event and questionnaire we will ask residents how they see the parishes changing over the next twenty years.

Keeping everything as it is now is not the right answer. There must be some growth and development, otherwise the village will die. Therefore what type of development? Would it be starter homes, larger family houses, accessible housing for the elderly or a combination of all three? What leisure facilities would you like to see, what aspects of the countryside and heritage do you treasure?

This will be your opportunity to have your say. We hope very much that the residents of the two parishes will work together to produce a visionary plan not just for now but for the future.

As a first step we have submitted an Area Designation application to Waveney District Council and are now starting work on the preparation of the plan and consultation events.

We will keep residents and other stakeholders informed through news letters, the Parish Councils and the Hexagon. Would you like more information? Contact me by email: neillivingstone@btinternet.com or phone 01502 730610 or via the Parish Council. Jenni Livingstone