

South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan



30 September 2017 Consultation Summary

Introduction

South Kilworth Parish Council through the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee organised a drop-in event on 30 September 2017. The event took place between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm at the Village Hall.

The aim of this event was to share the draft policies in the Neighbourhood Plan and to seek comments – including housing locations, design and type; Local Green Space and environment; community facilities and amenities; transport and employment.

The drop-in event was promoted in a variety of ways:

- ✓ **Press** - Advertised in the community magazine.
- ✓ **Posters** – placed on parish and community noticeboards, leaflets delivered to each household through the community newsletter.
- ✓ **Word of Mouth** – Parish Councillors and members of the Advisory Committee informed people about the event.
- ✓ **A sandwich board** was in place outside the venue on the day.

A total of 36 people attended

SOUTH KILWORTH Neighbourhood Plan



OPEN DROP-IN EVENT

Saturday 30 September 2017 - Village Hall
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

This is your chance to influence the draft policies – prior to formal consultation, Parish Council approval and referendum.

- Housing – what type and where?
- Community facilities and amenities – what is needed?
- Environment and heritage – what to protect?
- Transport – what are the key issues?
- Employment – do we need more?

Refreshments provided

Format of Event

Members of the Advisory Committee welcomed attendees on arrival and asked them to complete a contact sheet to record attendance. The arrangements for the day were explained.

The first displays introduced neighbourhood planning and described the process that is being followed by the Advisory Committee on behalf of the South Kilworth Parish Council. Copies of explanatory booklets were available on the display stands.

Copies of finalised Neighbourhood Plans were available for people to read as they walked around the displays and enjoyed the refreshments that were available.

Consultation on key issues

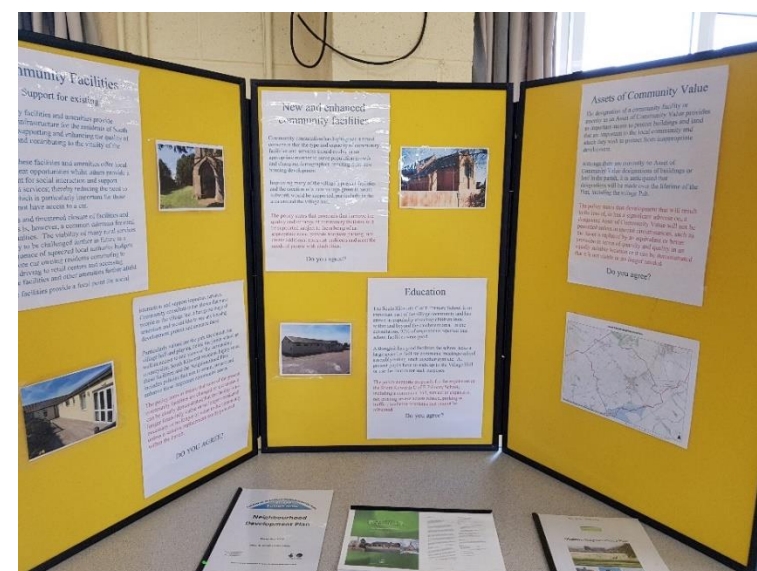
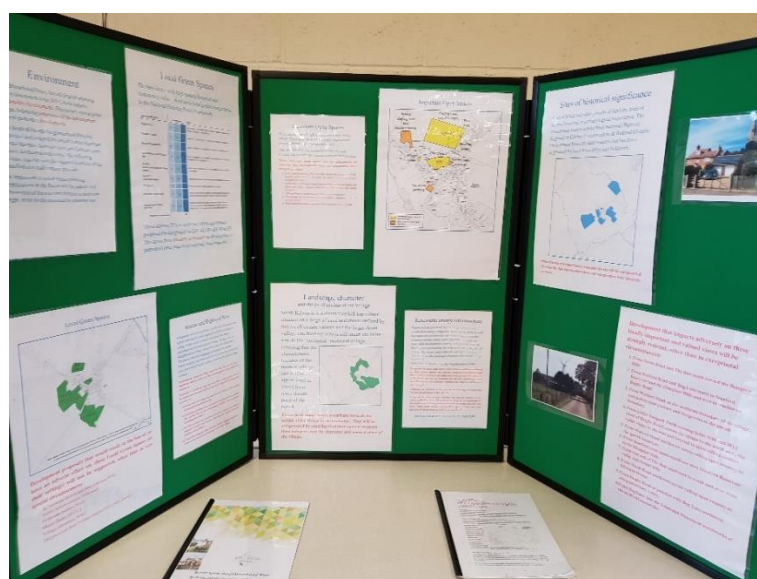
A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focused on a different topic related to planning and development, including:

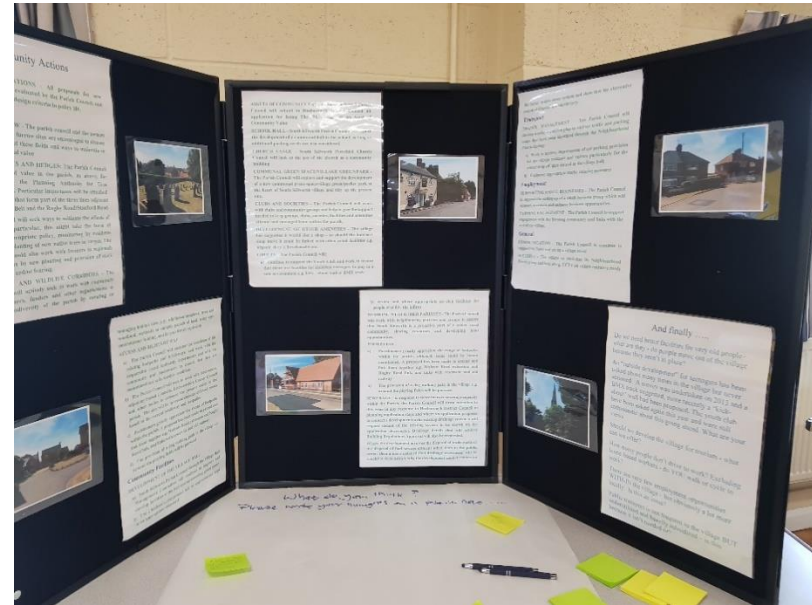
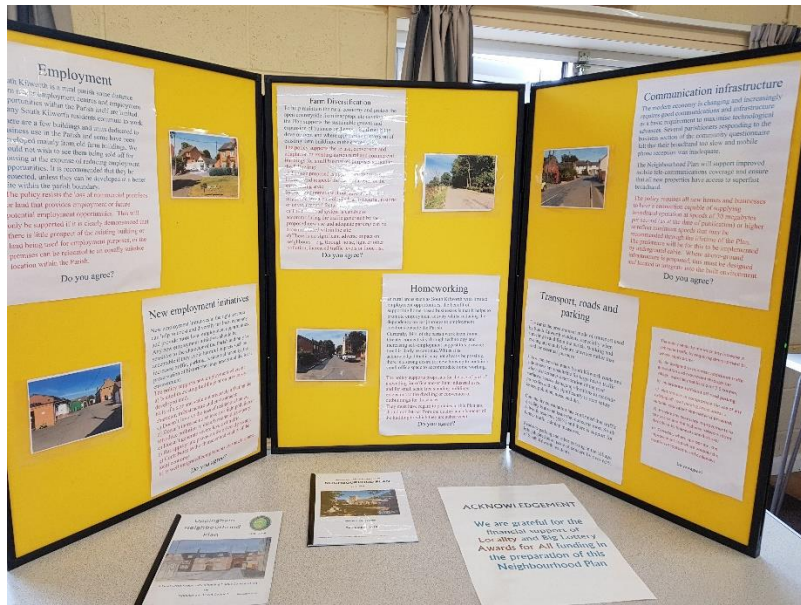
- ✓ Housing – mix, design, location and heritage
- ✓ Environment – existing designations and Local Green Space criteria
- ✓ Transport, Employment and Community Facilities.

People were invited to read the displays and the information available and to record their views of the draft policies and make comment on forms available for the purpose.

Display Boards

The following pages give a flavour of the boards that were on display at the event:





The responses to the policies on display are as follows:

Policy	Agree/disagree		Comment
	✓	x	
Vision	20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot on • Too vibrant! But agree with principles!
Housing			
Location of housing	25	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already happened so why not continue • Does SK have the infrastructure to support 40+ new houses and do young people really want to stay here? • Although the field behind my house would be better! • What about The Old? • The proposed locations are not small-scale development when existing size of village considered
Affordable housing	20	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree with a shared ownership option. Affordable will potentially result in substandard housing being built • This required to ensure we have a balanced village • But we would also need a reliable and more frequent bus service for people without cars • Affordable rent; average tenant; shared ownership • 40% too high • Prefer shared ownership. However, villages with few facilities have very little local need for affordable housing • Sort of...the question of how well people who might want to live in these homes might find work/transport OK • Disagree. No infrastructure to support; e.g. public transport • I feel affordable houses should be for local people or within a specified area • Affordable rent and shared ownership
Housing mix	20	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disagree. The type of property built should fit with the likely demand. Will those looking for smaller houses really want to live rural? • Variety is interesting – and important! • Local evidence argues against any need for bungalows for elderly • Agree, but only 3 bedrooms (not elderly as present ones not used) • Bungalows and first-time buyers needed
Built heritage	24	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree. Would ask for an open mind view on village green if it helps parking and safety • The Malt Shovel?

Windfall	26	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be very careful we do not have a Naseby 2 • Agree – but do not support division of gardens into separate building plots • This type of site preferable to proposed larger developments
Limits to development	19	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree. However, should consideration be given to housing on the right on Welford Rd and left on Worth Rd towards the golf club • Disagree with policy. Agree bulk of new housing should be within core village but maybe windfall houses could be built on “ribbon” housing (N’hampton Rd/Welford Rd) • Disagree. Question why no proposal to allow housing on field opposite Tollgate Farm? • Disagree. Given the limited space available for development within the village more flexibility with regard to limits might be helpful • Disagree. Planning permission already exists outside this boundary – why is it not in the count? • Seems over-restrictive • Limits of development should be reduced if possible
Design	23	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No obvious gaps. Good list • Too detailed – most important 3,5,8,12,13,14, plus parking • “Attractive boundaries” are all very well but what about security issues? • Not keen on solar panels being visible on the front elevation! • A lot of these are requirements of planning/building regulations. 20 – include unobtrusive again in final sentence – solar panels are not unobtrusive. 22 – only if unobtrusive – e.g. PV slates
Environment			
Local Green Space	27	0	
Access and roads	25	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend footpath in Welford Rd to the canal
Important Open Space	24	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village green might need to be redesigned • Except school playfields and allotment – could move?
Landscape Character	25	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to limits of development response
Renewable Energy	21	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure about wood burning as London has an issue with wood burning stoves, so needs checking • No more – not even one!! • Don’t make a problem with wind turbines!

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not support wind turbines or PV's on agricultural land. These are inappropriate, and financially wrong.
Sites of historic significance	24	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of those on the list 1-10 could be developed and views still protected. Many are the most practical areas to develop without going outside of village boundaries
Sites of biodiversity significance	21	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not sure if final sentence could be achieved by a development
Ridge and Furrow	11	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vested interest declared – but there is no significant benefit in retaining this beyond IT's pasture land – no more This land is pasture land and should not be restricted by limitations relating to ridge and furrow Should protect as far as possible. Debate should be balanced where there is a compelling case made
Woodland Trees and Hedges	23	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents should be strongly discouraged from cutting down large mature trees as has happened at top of The Belt Fully support the listing and protecting of trees Agree should be limited or a replacement/planting plan agreed to balance
Flooding	22	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A - x2
Biodiversity and Wildlife Corridors	22	0	
Views	21	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not sure if any of these are more important than any others. Depends where you live and walk or cycle
Community Facilities			
Existing Community Facilities	23	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bowling green not listed. Strongly believe it should be Cannot see any provision for dog walking within the village
New Community facilities	20	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why build a communal hall at the SK school when they can use our village hall. One hall is enough to upkeep. These should be based on extending current facilities such as SK village hall rather than build new ones Not sure!! The village hall is adequate. And we need to use it more

Education	20	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of traffic in the village is key to any future expansion of school • Issue here is dropping off and collecting school kids. Parking is an issue • Parents should park in the village hall car park and walk down path to school. I disagree with building another car park at the school • But traffic already an issue • Expansion is numbers is hard to justify, given current reliance on children from outside the village. A hall would be convenient of course • I disagree that the NP should have any comment on the “communal hall”. The village already has one of those! • Only acceptable if within existing building footprint. Field size should be reduced
Assets of Community value	23	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are assets not yet designated?
Employment			
Employment	25	0	
New Employment Opportunities	23	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking solutions need to be stipulated very clearly • But I am concerned about increased traffic to village • Difficult to see how all a-h could be achieved and still create employment
Farm Diversification	24	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of traffic increase should be a key consideration • Rather less restrictive than new employment opportunities
Homeworking	25	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very hard given current levels of broadband speed
Communication Infrastructure	21	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our broadband is better – but still fluctuates. We have virtually no mobile network • Bigger than the broadband • The faster the broad band the better • The policy does not improve existing broadband or mobile reception
Transport			
Transport, roads and parking	21	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an immediate need to address both parking and speeding. This should include ways to discourage car use and flow of heavier vehicles through the village. Unfortunately even SK residents feel the need to speed through the village • Improvement required to bus service – particularly early mornings/evenings. 2 others agreed with comment • Need severe traffic calming on Walcot Rd and S Kilworth plus N Kilworth Rd

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can parking on road create potential hazard as does the present road calming measures, particularly North Rd • Parking on the road helps to slow traffic and discourage people using local roads as rush hour shortcuts. The local roads have become heavier in recent years, and increased housing will bring more traffic. This is a problem for walkers, cyclists and especially horses. Any new footpaths and cycleways should be intended for horses also • Despite the introduction of 40 mph limit on North Rd most cars are exceeding that limit • Speed calming urgently required on North Rd • Speed through the village is a real issue. Additional calming or active signage showing the speed that people are travelling may help. Also the main gate sign coming from the golf course is permanently covered by the hedge • If building opposite Leys it will need a pedestrian crossing. Children from new estate will cross to playground • Should also include in and for traffic calming and speed reduction • Restriction of parking at road junctions and outside the School must be carefully considered
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Summary

There was overwhelming support for the draft policies and some helpful comments which will help to shape the Pre-Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan prior to finalisation.

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The following pages show some images from the event ...







