

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Sutton²⁰²³



Community Consultation
Drop-in Event
Saturday 3rd June
10am - 2pm
The Glebe Hall, 4 High Street

Sutton Parish Council

NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION 3rd JUNE - 21st JULY

Find out inside how you can view and comment on the New Plan

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Please come along to look at the New Plan and find out more about it at an extensive Neighbourhood Plan display.

Refreshments will be on offer throughout the event so you can read the Plan over a cuppa.



BACKGROUND TO THE REVIEW

The 2019 Neighbourhood Plan

In May 2019 a Neighbourhood Plan for our parish was adopted by East Cambridgeshire District Council after it was supported by 90% of residents that turned out at a parish referendum. Since then, the Neighbourhood Plan has been used by them when making decisions on planning applications in the parish.

Our Plan was one of the first to be prepared in the East Cambridgeshire District and put us in a strong position to ensure that planning decisions reflected the local priorities expressed in our Plan. However, the world of planning continuously changes. In the four years since the Plan was finished there have been a number of changes nationally and locally that mean that our Plan is now not up-to-date and doesn't cover important matters.

We are about to commence consultation on our Neighbourhood Plan Review document, and we want you to provide feedback on it over the coming weeks.



The NEW Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The New Plan has a very different look and feel to the 2019 Plan, but it remains focused on delivering our agreed vision that:

Sutton should be a Parish where its unique character is appreciated and cherished, the quality of the environment is maintained and continues to improve, the opportunities presented to all, young and old, to live and prosper continue to be enhanced and the life led by its residents remains a healthy and happy one.

The main task of the review has been to appraise whether the planning policies that were supported in the 2019 Plan remain fit for purpose, given the national and local changes since that date. We have also assessed whether there are gaps in the Plan that should now be addressed.

PLAN THEMES

-  HOUSING
-  HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT
-  TRAFFIC & TRAVEL
-  DEVELOPMENT DESIGN
-  BIODIVERSITY & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
-  BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT
-  RETAIL COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

WHAT'S CHANGED IN THE NEW PLAN

Most of the original policies of the 2019 remain and have been updated. Only two policies have been deleted, one relating to the new housing north of The Brook which has now got planning permission and the other that covered Landscape and Biodiversity has been replaced by a new policy on Biodiversity.

2019 Policy	Status in this Plan
Policy NP1 - Local Green Spaces	Additional spaces added and now Policy SUT 9
Policy NP2 - Protecting and Maintaining Features of Landscape and Biodiversity Value	Replaced by Policy SUT 8 - Biodiversity Net Gain
Policy NP3 - Sutton Development Envelope	Policy retained with minor amendments and now Policy SUT 1
Policy NP4 - Land north of The Brook and west of Mepal Road	Deleted as site has detailed planning permission
Policy NP5 - Land East of Garden Close	Policy retained as Policy SUT 3
Policy NP6 - Land North of Mill Field, Mepal Road	Policy retained as Policy SUT 4
Policy NP7 - Housing Mix	Policy retained and amended to provide greater clarity as to the mix of dwelling sizes. Now Policy SUT 5
Policy NP8 - Preserving the Historic Characteristics of Sutton	Principle of policy retained but amended and now Policy SUT 12
Policy NP9 - Protecting existing services and facilities	Policy merged with Policy NP11 and now Policy SUT 16
Policy NP10 - Elean Business Park	Policy retained and expanded to support renewable energy schemes. Now Policy SUT 14
Policy NP11 - Retail premises	Policy merged with Policy NP9 and now Policy SUT 16
Policy NP12 - Sport and Recreation Facilities	Policy retained and amended and now forms Policy SUT 18

The new Plan also contains additional planning policies that cover:

- affordable housing;
- conserving and enhancing internationally designated sites
- biodiversity net gain
- employment sites
- public rights of way
- hot food takeaway premises
- design considerations
- dark skies
- flooding and sustainable drainage
- sustainable building practices
- renewable energy

The inclusion of these additional matters has been informed by a consideration of the original issues that the 2019 Plan addressed and the preparation of additional evidence to support the Plan. This includes new Design Guidance for the village that has been produced as a separate document.

Community Actions

These are non-planning matters that address issues raised during the preparation of the Plan. The 2019 Plan contained 6 Community Actions which have been reviewed and updated to so that the Plan now contains 13 Community Actions, primarily covering traffic and travel issues but also including village facilities and services.

How to view the NEW Neighbourhood Plan

This leaflet cannot do justice to the content of the new Plan. The full version will be available to download from 3rd June at www.sutton-cambs-pc.gov.uk or www.sutton-in-the-isle.org.uk where an online comments form will be available to complete. If you would prefer to look at a paper copy, these will be awaiting you at the Drop-in Event on 3rd June and will also be available to borrow for a short period from the Parish Council at The Glebe, 4 High Street.

(open Monday to Thursday 10:00am to 12:00pm)

How to comment

During the consultation period the Neighbourhood Plan website will have an online survey form which you can complete. Although we'd prefer you to use the online comments form, paper comments forms can be obtained at the Drop-in Event and from the Parish Council office. They must be returned to the Parish Council by 21st July.

We want your comments, even if you support everything in the Plan!

LOOKING AHEAD

Once the consultation ends, all comments received will be reviewed and the Plan will be amended as necessary. It will then be submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council who will undertake further consultation before the Plan is assessed by an Independent Examiner. Because of the scale of the changes compared with the 2019 Plan, it may have to be subject to another Parish Referendum open to all on the Electoral Register. A simple majority in favour of the Plan will mean that it can be used by the District Council when making decisions on planning applications. We think this will happen towards the end of the year.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 21 JULY
WE CANNOT ACCEPT COMMENTS AFTER THIS TIME**

