



Davenham Neighbourhood Plan

Written by the community,
for the community

*Have your say on the future of our village.
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Agenda

- What is a Neighbourhood Plan
- CWAC Local Plan
- Neighbourhood Plan Stages
- Role of the Parish Council
- Current challenges
- How you can help
- Questions

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Part of the Localism act of 2011. Statutory document which works alongside the Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Local Plan
- Sets policies at a local level to determine or influence **land use** and development
 - Where new homes, commercial and community buildings should be built
 - Influence the design of new buildings and what infrastructure should be provided
 - To protect important local green spaces
 - The determination of planning applications
- It won't stop building, but will help us determine where we want it
- Any other 'non land use' important village issues will go on a Parish Council wish list to be progressed outside of the NP

CWAC Local Plan

- Sets policies for the CWAC area as a whole
 - Settlement Hierarchy: Suburb of Northwich or Rural Village
 - Determines our allocation of housing
- Examination 17th June to 4th July
 - Statements by 9th May
 - Demonstrate the Village wishes

Neighbourhood Plan Stages

- Agree the neighbourhood – Completed 2012
 - Parish boundary
- Preparing the plan – ongoing (on average taking about 2 years. Delayed by the CWAC Local Plan)
 - Community engagement
 - Gathering evidence (Surveys etc)
 - Agree vision and objectives
 - Draft plan formal consultations
- Independent Examination – EU regulations etc
- Referendum
 - Arranged by Local Authority who will give notice of referendum
 - More than 50% of those voting in the referendum MUST vote 'yes'
- Neighbourhood Plan comes into force
- **Aiming for completion in Q4 2014**

Neighbourhood Plans Nationally

- Around 1,000 Parish and Town councils have begun preparing Neighbourhood Plans
 - 75% in south of England, mostly rural areas
- Over 75 communities have produced a full draft plan for public consultation
- Only 10 plans have been ‘made’ becoming part of the local development plan

Developers taking advantage of opportunities

Role of the Parish Council

- To lead the plan following formal procedures, but:
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- Set the precept
 - Award grants to community organisations within the Parish
 - Own, administer, maintain and develop parish parks, playing fields, village garden, fountain & cenotaph
 - Part fund the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), jointly with Moulton PC
- First ‘port of call’ for village amenities
- Comment on Planning applications
 - But not decision makers
- Represent residents at a local level
- Volunteer role

Current challenges

- Development requests
 - Jack Lane, 53 dwellings
 - Fountain Lane, 70 dwellings

In Planning it's all about the relevance of the argument. 1000 people all making the wrong argument carries no weight. One person making the right argument carries a lot of weight.

The right argument made by a lot of people makes a difference.

How you can help

- Comment on the CWAC local plan (by 9th May)
- Consider suggested building plots (Identified on questionnaire)
- Comment on planning applications (Notice board & website)
- Help us with any specialist knowledge (Planners, surveyors, ecologists, traffic planners etc.)
- Complete and return your questionnaire by (16thMay)
- Let us know if there's anything that we haven't included in the questionnaires
- Spread the word
- Check for updates at www.davenhampc.org.uk and on the Parish noticeboard in the village garden
- Support your Parish Council and vote 'yes' at the referendum

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“You can please some of the people some of the time, all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time but you can never please all of the people all of the time.”

Abraham Lincoln

Our aim is to please *most* of the people *most* of the time.

Thank you