

Your introduction to the *draft* Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation period from Saturday 12th October to 23rd November



This is your opportunity to comment before The Deepings Neighbourhood Plan is finalised

In the Deepings, we are facing a period of significant growth and we hope you share our interest in ensuring that the development takes place in a well-managed way and that we continue to be a thriving neighbourhood. We are delighted to invite you to read a first draft of our Deepings Neighbourhood Plan. It is not a finalised version yet and we expect to make a few improvements after the responses have been reviewed at the end of this period of consultation.

We are a group of willing volunteers who live locally and care about how the Deepings area will develop over the coming years. We have been working collaboratively as councillors and specialists on this Neighbourhood Plan for the past three years. We believe The Deepings Neighbourhood Plan to be an informative and helpful document that expresses the views of local residents. Thank you for any previous responses, we have incorporated these into the plan where possible. For more information about Deepings First as an organisation and who we are, please visit our website.

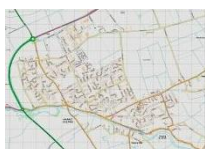
The Deepings Neighbourhood Plan document sets out the collective set of additional Planning Policies that will help to guide the future development of our area – Market Deeping, Deeping St. James and Frognaill. When The Deepings Neighbourhood Plan has been finally approved in spring 2020, the new policies will have legal status. This means that any future development of housing, employment sites and green spaces must respect the community, as expressed in our policies.

To help with understanding the overall framework of the Neighbourhood Plan document, it is divided into key aspects:



Introduction and Context *pages 2-10*

Initially, the context is set through an explanation of the background and history of the area leading to a description of the Deepings we know and love today. This section includes a map showing the Parish boundaries.



Public Involvement and Consultation Activities *pages 11-19*

Next, the various consultation events are listed here as well as our overall vision for the Deepings and the SKDC local land allocations. A development limit is included with community objectives to guide future developments. These have been derived from the various consultation responses.

Then the following five sections form the heart of the Neighbourhood Plan and they contain the detail of the new policies within the aspect areas specified to meet our objectives:



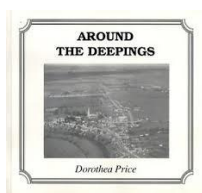
A Good Home for Everyone *pages 20-39*

Background information and policies: DNP1, DNP2, DNP3



A Prosperous and Sustainable Local Economy *pages 40-63*

Background information, maps and policies: DNP4, DNP5, DNP6, DNP7



A Distinctive Local Character *pages 64-93*

Background information and policies: DNP8, DNP9, DNP10



A Green, Clean and Safe Environment *pages 94-106*

Background information and policies: DNP11, DNP12, DNP13, DNP14



Sustainable Transport Options for Everyone *pages 107-112*

Background information and policies: DNP15



Protected Green Spaces and Open Spaces *pages 114-161*

Appendix giving a series of maps and photographs

Please read through the sections that interest you and consider the content of the relevant policies. Your response to The Deepings Neighbourhood plan is important to us and we would like to know if you are happy with the document as a reflection of the past, present and future of the Deepings.

If you consider that something is incorrect and needs to be changed, or something important is missing and needs to be added, please include it in your feedback – the survey is accessible online through the www.deepingsfirst.org.uk website. Paper copies of the full document and the feedback survey are also available at designated public locations.

When making your comments and suggestions, please bear in mind that the focus of a Neighbourhood Plan is about future land use and local planning policies. We are aware from previous consultation responses that there are many other issues that affect residents in the Deepings and these have been noted and passed to your local councillors for consideration.

We trust you will find this an interesting document and thank you in advance for your comments.