

Great Gonerby Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 10th April 2025

Meeting Report

11th April 2025

Thank you to all who came to our Meeting last night – Thursday 10 Apr 25 - at the Great Gonerby Social Club. It was a good turnout, considering that the School Holidays were in full flow for Easter.

20 of us met to review the **Environmental** Section of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was Session 2 of the topic. We reviewed the suggestions already made in Session 1 and added further thoughts on the topic headings –

- Open Spaces & Recreation Management
- Countryside Management
- Nature Reserve & Bio Diversity
- Proposed Green Spaces
- Sustainability Policy Development

It was good to see some of our younger residents at the Meeting. Their suggestions were fresh and relevant. 😊

This was the last brainstorming session for this topic. Next, we shall be meeting to undertake a final review of the **Infrastructure** Section and to meet our Consultant, who will take forward all of our suggestions under all topic headings and build them into a comprehensive document that will support the development of the Draft Great Gonerby Neighbourhood Plan (GGNP).



- Environmental
- Planning
- Heritage
- Economic
- Infrastructure

That meeting is planned to take place during **week commencing Monday 12 May 25**. Full details will be notified once confirmed.

It isn't too late for anyone to make more suggestions relative to any of the topic headings. Please do feel free to raise any issue. Suggestions can be made by email to the Great Gonerby Parish Council Clerk, Ms Caroline Marion at clerk@greatgonerbyparish.gov.uk or by telephone to 07890 163707 or by reply to this email.

Moving next into **Phase 3** of the process of the Neighbourhood Plan development we shall be promoting the Survey Development with Parish Businesses, Groups and the School, leading towards launching a whole of Village Survey, when the shape of the Draft GGNP will be revealed, prior to the **Phase 4** stage, when it will be published for review, prior to submission to SKDC.

As a Meeting warm-up, Karri Davey presented a status quo on the Planning Options within the Parish, demonstrating specific areas that are sensitive to development for Employment and/or Residential purposes. She introduced a Parish Map on which she had designated each area relating to past Planning Applications, current Planning Applications or likely future Planning Applications, cross referenced to supporting information.

She gave a comprehensive outline of the risks to the Village transport routes and the threats of traffic gridlock in the event of uncoordinated growth.

What also became evident was the threat of the loss of Village green space.

The next threat is the outcome of the forthcoming SKDC Local Plan, in which the intent to develop on specified lands will become a reality. We can only anticipate the worst outcome. We have no further influence without the protection of a Neighbourhood Plan.

In mitigation of sorts, Karri has asserted to SKDC that a Section 106 Agreement should be enforced against each development to financially contribute towards a range of infrastructure and services, such as community facilities, public open space, transport improvements, etc, for the benefit of the Parish. She has yet to gain confidence that this can be achieved, but it won't be through lack of trying!

She did give us a timely reminder of a Public Meeting to be held at Allington Village Hall on **Wed 23 Apr 25 at 7:15 pm** regarding the proposed employment space development at Gonerby Moor. Harworth Group, a land and property regeneration company, will host the meeting and supply refreshments. This development is within our Parish, and although it will provide valuable employment, it will also incur significant transport and housing issues. We shall be looking to the Harworth Group to support our Parish through the inevitable repercussions of growth. Your voice could help. If you intend to attend the Meeting could you indicate directly to parish.clerk@allingtonpc.org.uk to facilitate their adequate provision of paperwork and refreshments. Your comments / objections could also be sent to Cllr Mark Whittington at mark.whittington@southkesteven.gov.uk. The more people who write or attend will add far more weight to the issues than the Parish Council acting alone, with one single vote.

Thanks to Karri for the strength of message, alerting us all to the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan. A copy of her Planning Options Map will be circulated to all when it has been reproduced.

Lastly, thanks must go to the Great Gonerby Social Club for making the Large Meeting Room available for our Meetings, to Steve Martin for the use of his loudspeaker and to the Volunteers who helped the meeting to happen.

And thanks to you all for your continued interest. We're getting there – step-by-step! Please stick with us. We need all the support we can get!