

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 17 September 2015

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Title: Quendon and Rickling Village Plan 2015

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Barker, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Key decision: **No**

Summary

1. Quendon and Rickling Parish Council have endorsed a Village Plan and sent it to the District Council. This report considers its findings and action plan. A copy of the Village Plan is appended.

Recommendations

2. That Cabinet adopt the Village Plan as Council Approved Guidance in determining planning applications in the Parish and as background evidence in the preparation of the Local Plan.

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The plan has undergone significant community involvement in its preparation
Community Safety	The plan deals with community safety
Equalities	The plan consulted with every resident
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	The plan deals with sustainability of village
Ward-specific impacts	Newport

Workforce/Workplace	None
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Situation

6. In April 2012 a questionnaire was sent to each household in the Parish and a separate questionnaire was delivered to the known businesses in the village. The results are summarised in the Village Plan and used as a basis for an Action Plan.

7. Key points arising from the Village Plan are:-

8. Public Transport: Few people use the bus service on a regular basis. Comments were made on the reliability, frequency and safety of the service.

76% of respondents were concerned about the speed of traffic and 51% about the volume of traffic, many of the respondents supporting more traffic calming measures throughout the village.

Action/Recommendations: The comments received on public transport were submitted to ECC in response to their 'Getting Around in Essex' consultation, and also forwarded to the bus operators.

Extend the 30mph limit along the length of Belcham's Lane to its junction with B1383.

Create a dual purpose cycle way and pavement along the length of the B1383

9. Planning: In response to the question where new development should be sited, 99% of the 170 respondents said they should be within the village boundaries and 95% also considered infill plots as suitable sites for development.

Out of 268 respondents to the question on how many new homes should be built, 39 said they did not want any new homes built over the next 5 years, with the majority of respondents saying they would like to see up to 30 new homes built over the next 5 years. In response to the question on how many should be affordable homes, 23% did not want to see any affordable homes built, whilst 63% wanted to see up to 20 affordable homes built. Most respondents wanted to see 2-3 bedroom houses.

10. Business: Insufficient business questionnaires were received to provide a representative sample. However, of those who did respond the majority worked from home either self-employed or under contract. Of those businesses that employed staff a number were village residents. The mobile phone service and internet speeds were identified as a hindrance to businesses. One business had outgrown their premises and was looking to move outside the village. 11 businesses thought the village would benefit from additional dedicated business space either within or close to the village.

Recommendations: Consider findings alongside the comments from residents. Create a forum for businesses within the village.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the Parish Plan is not taken into account as a material consideration	1. Little - Officers will be aware of the plan and will include reference to it in any relevant reports	2. Some - The views of the community are not taken into account, devaluing community-led planning	The Parish Plan is included in a check list of items to consider in preparation of Local Plan and when determining applications within Quendon and Rickling Parish.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.