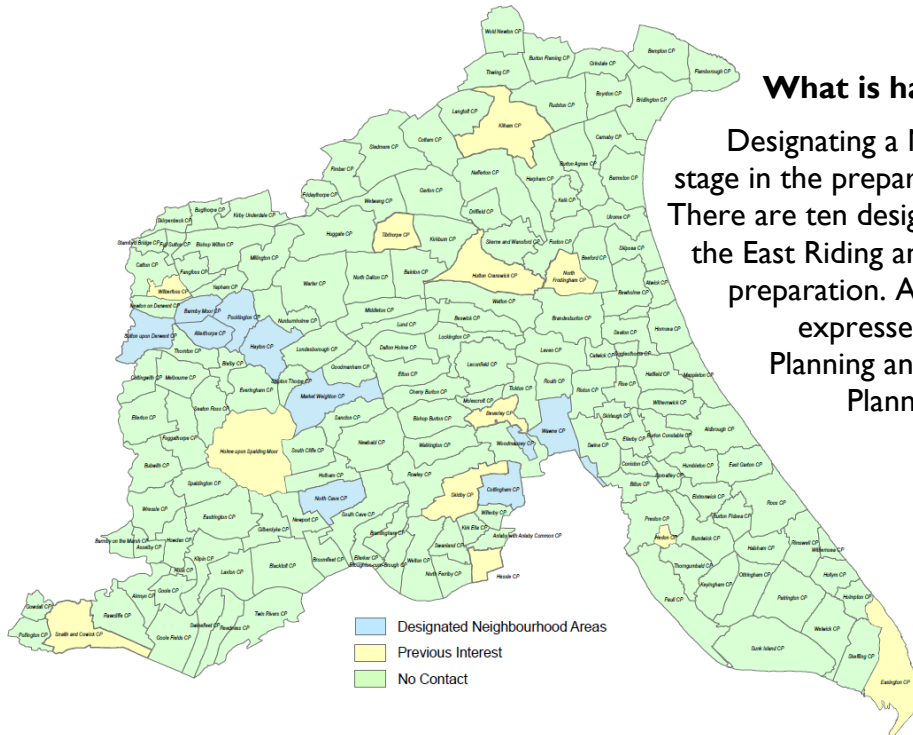


Neighbourhood Planning News

Winter 2016/17

Welcome to the first edition of East Riding Neighbourhood Planning News, a newsletter prepared for Town and Parish Councils. It contains guidance on Neighbourhood Planning and examples of what is happening in the East Riding. Neighbourhood Plans are prepared by Town and Parish Councils and include local planning policies to shape development and help determine planning applications.



What is happening in the East Riding?

Designating a Neighbourhood Area is the first stage in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. There are ten designated Neighbourhood Areas in the East Riding and eight Plans are actively under preparation. A number of other parishes have expressed an interest in Neighbourhood Planning and held a meeting with a Council Planning Policy Officer to discuss the topic further.

What should we consider when deciding whether to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?

Here are some things to bear in mind when you are thinking about taking forward a Neighbourhood Plan:

- **What it can do:** Make sure you have a clear understanding of what a Neighbourhood Plan is and what it can achieve. Be sure it's the right thing for your area and think about how you want to influence new development.
- **Time commitment:** Preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan is mostly done by volunteers in your community. This does not have to be limited to members of the Town/Parish Council and there is funding to pay for expert help where needed.
- **The process:** A Neighbourhood Plan will carry legal weight in making decisions on planning applications. It has to be supported by detailed research and evidence.
- **Everyone's invited:** Producing a Neighbourhood Plan is a community-wide affair. It's a great opportunity to talk to everyone across the area.

Focus on... Preparing a Project Plan

Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan may appear to be a daunting task but this will be made easier with a project plan. Project plans set out the activities that will need to be carried out, the resources required and an estimation of how much time should be set aside to complete each task. Guidance on preparing a project plan is available from:

<http://www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk/resources/documents/29>

Locality (an organisation that offers support to communities preparing neighbourhood plans) have prepared a useful project plan template to aid better time management and help make the process more manageable. This is free to download here:

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-plan-project-planner/>

Neighbourhood Planning Events (past and future)

The Forward Planning team facilitated two Neighbourhood Planning events in July 2016 to help explain Neighbourhood Planning to Town and Parish Councils in the East Riding. A total of 66 people attended the events from 31 Town and Parish Councils. Guest speakers from Planning Aid and Town/Parish Councils currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan shared their experiences.

Feedback suggested the events were useful and there is an interest in Neighbourhood Planning across the East Riding. In response to this feedback Forward Planning are considering the potential for further Neighbourhood Planning events in 2017.

If you would like to be informed of future events, or have an idea about what they should cover, please contact the Forward Planning team (details below).

Top tip.... Woodmansey Parish Council

"Make sure you have evidence available for your Neighbourhood Plan area, for example demographics, traffic numbers and public transport"



This top tip was provided by Councillor Stephen Oliver of Woodmansey Parish Council.

Latest news

Cottingham Parish Council recently completed a 6 week public consultation on their final Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan is focussed on providing local planning guidance to complement the policies and allocated sites set out in the East Riding Local Plan and is available to view here:

<http://www.cottinghamparishcouncil.org.uk/latest-news.aspx>

Where can I find further information on Neighbourhood Planning?

The Council has published a series of topic notes that provide further guidance on Neighbourhood Plans.

There is a step by step guide to preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (note 3) and further information on the support and funding available for Town and Parish Councils (note 6). The topic notes are available to view here:

<http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>

Let us know what you think

Let us know what you think about the newsletter and if there are any news items or information you would like to see in the next edition.

Contact details

If you are interested in finding out more about Neighbourhood Planning, please contact the Forward Planning Team:

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