

Lilbourne

Neighbourhood Plan
Consultation Summary

5 October 2024

Introduction

Lilbourne Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee organised a drop-in event on Neighbourhood Planning at the Village Hall which was held on Saturday 5 October 2024 between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm.

The aim of the event was to help engage the community in the Neighbourhood Plan and to seek comments on the emerging topics – including important open spaces and environment; community facilities and amenities; housing and design; transport and employment.

The drop-in event was promoted through posters, newsletter inserts, social media, leaflets and word of mouth.

In total, 37 people attended the event.

Format of Event



Attendees were welcomed on arrival and asked to complete a contact sheet or to tick a box to record their attendance. The arrangements for the day were explained.

The first displays introduced neighbourhood planning and described the process that is being followed by the Parish Council. Copies of explanatory booklets were available for reference and copies of finalised Neighbourhood Plans from other parishes were available for people to read as they walked around the displays. Maps supplied by West Northants Council were on display.

Consultation on key issues

A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focused on a different topic related to planning and development, including:

- ✓ Housing – mix, design, location and heritage
- ✓ Environment – existing designations and Local Green Space criteria
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Community Facilities

People were invited to read the displays and the information available and to make comments on 'post-it' notes.

In addition, people were invited to identify open spaces which are important to them by placing up to 3 green marks on a map of the parish which they value for views: and up to 3 blue marks on

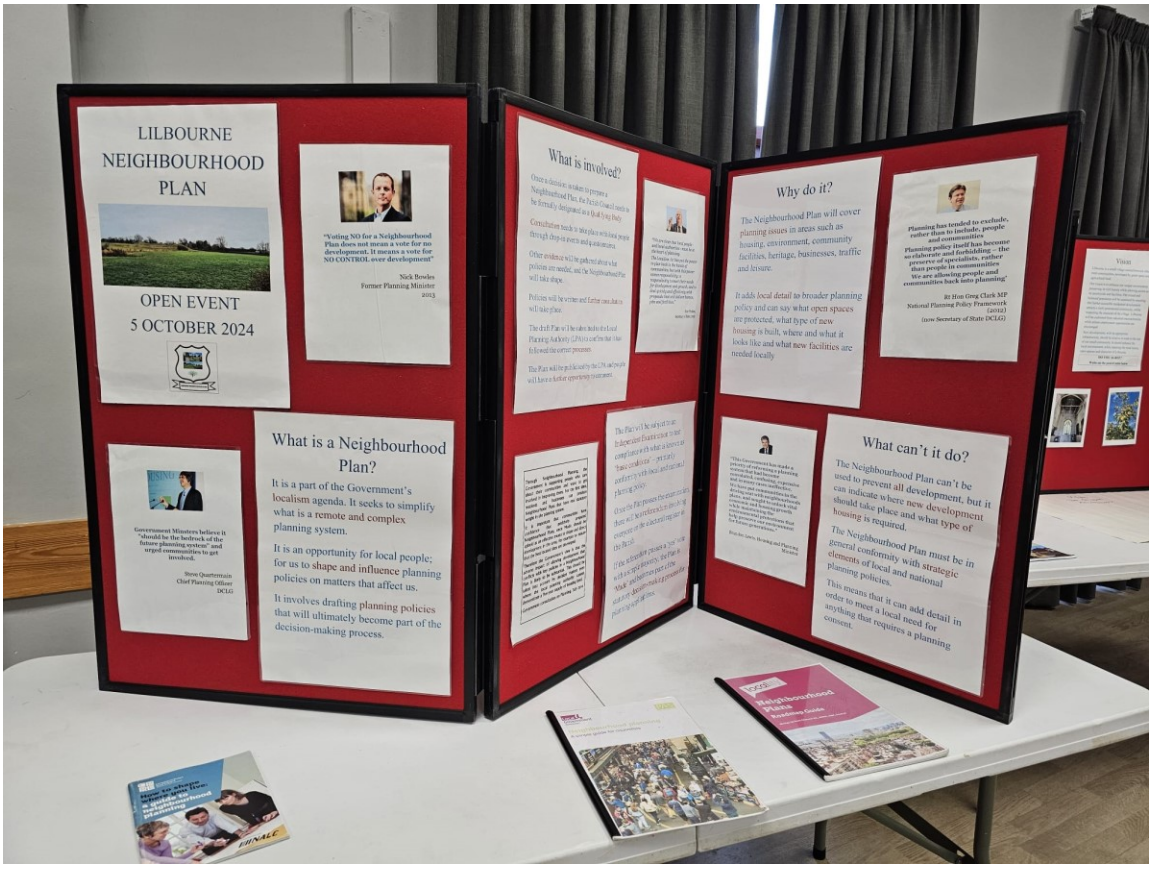
areas good for recreation. A similar exercise invited people to indicate where they would not welcome new housing, and where residential development would be acceptable. Unfortunately, this exercise was compromised by inappropriate use and the results have not been included in this analysis as they are considered to be unreliable.

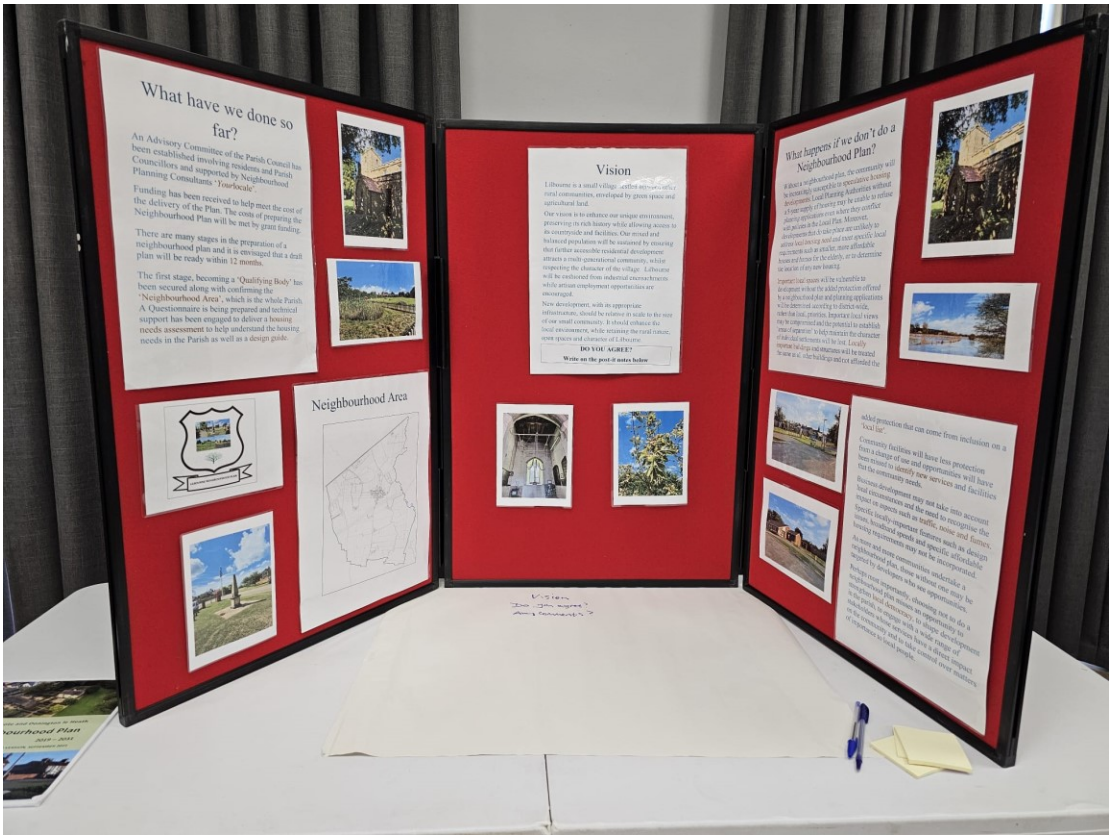
House designs were shown in a separate display and residents were invited to comment on what they liked and did not like about the design features.

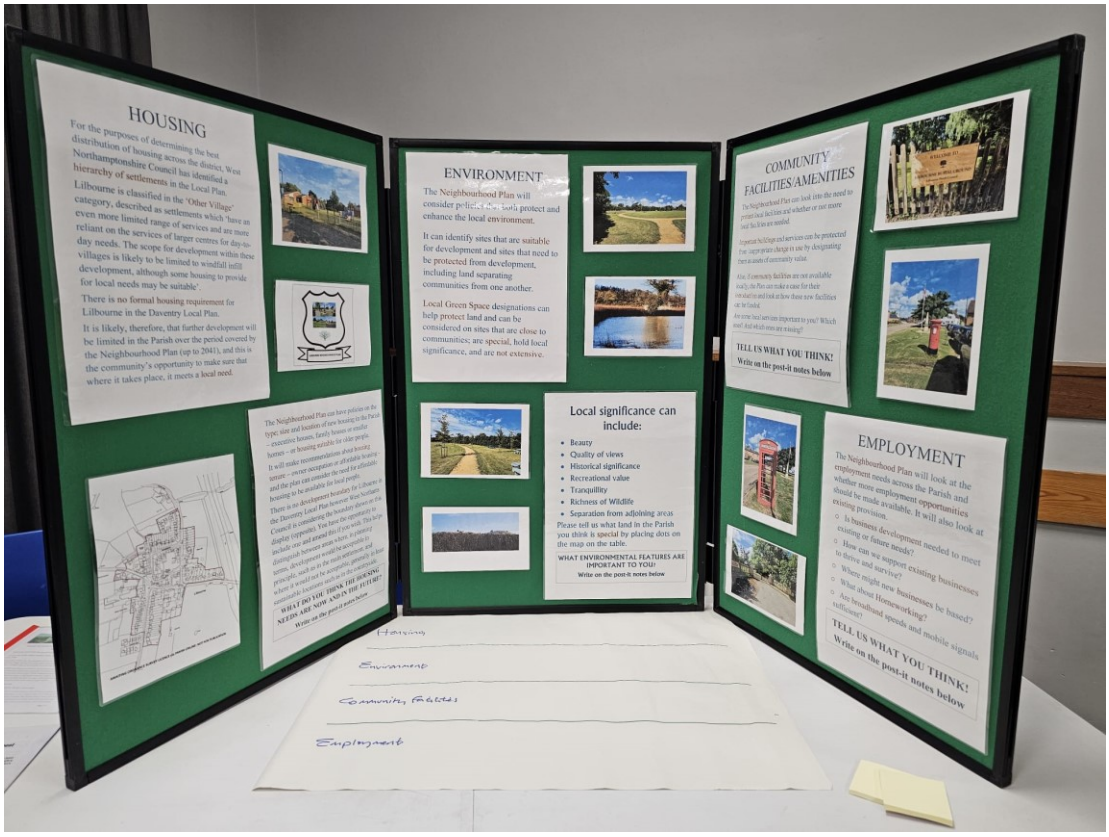
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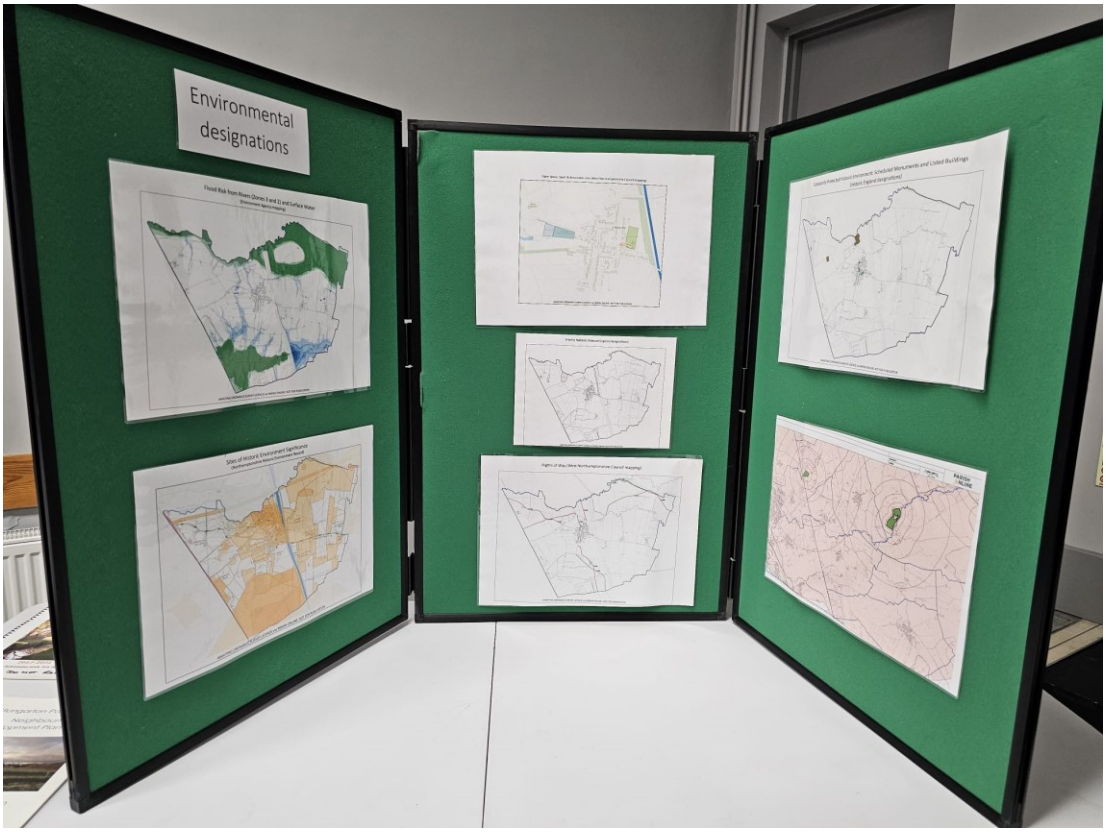
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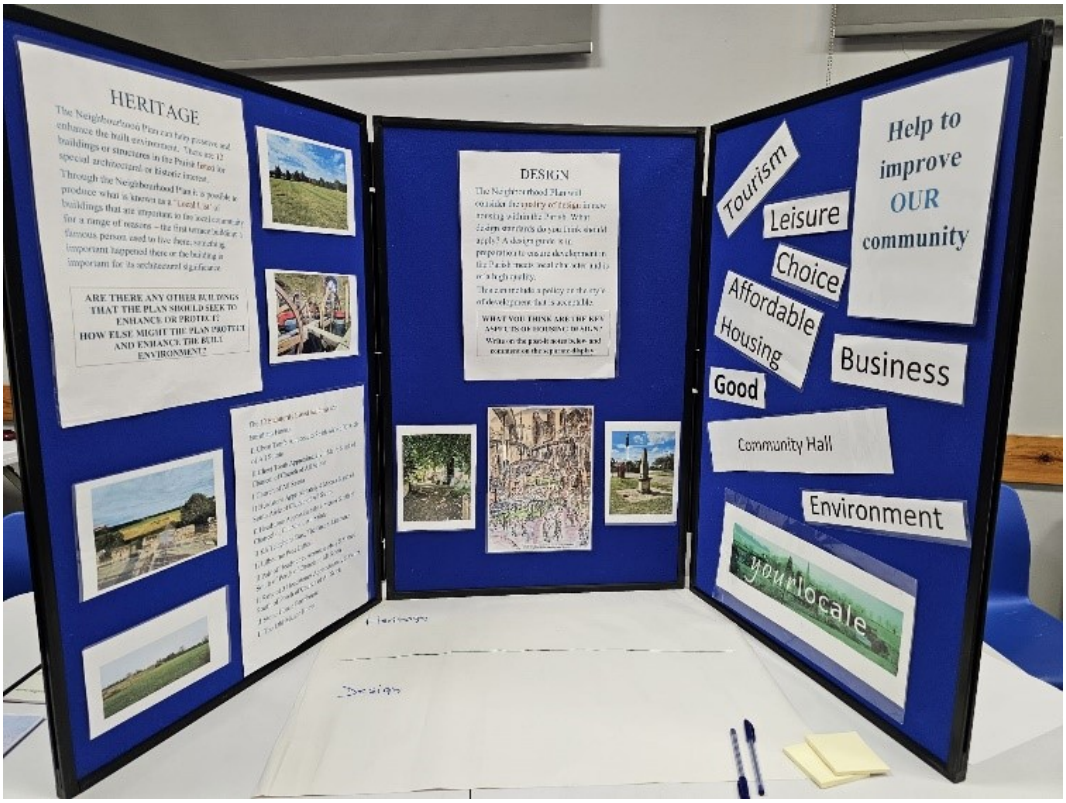


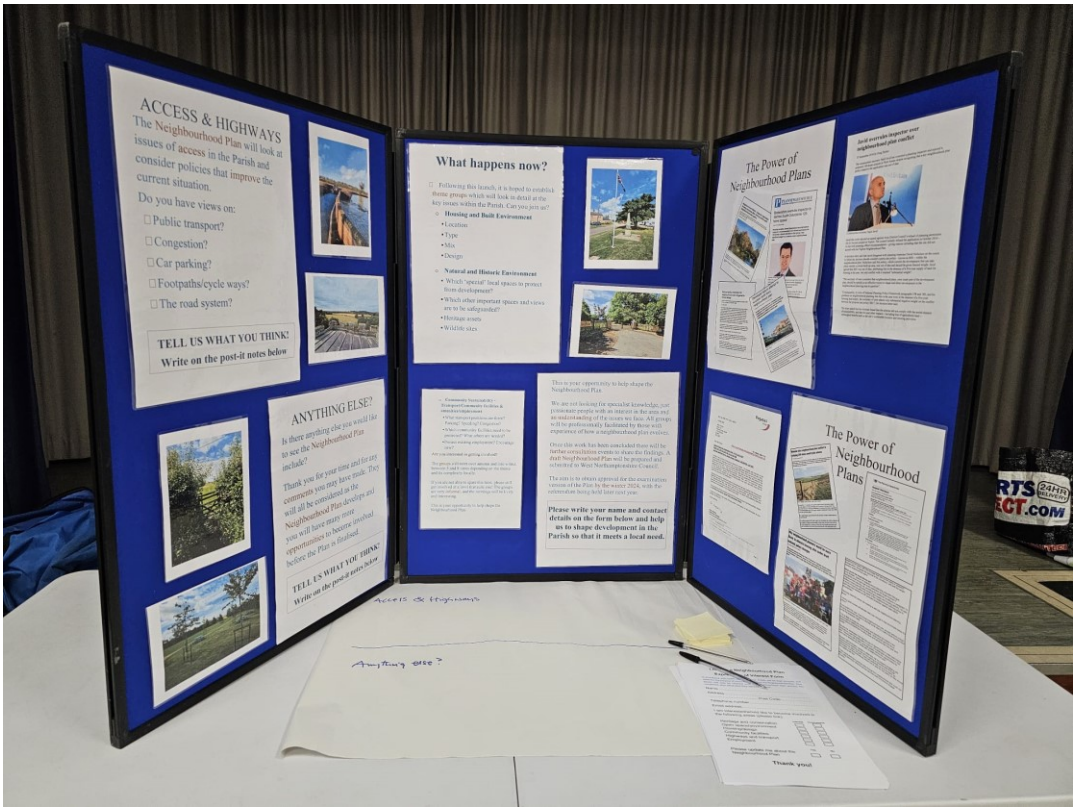

LILBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
OPEN EVENT
5 OCTOBER 2024
"Voting NO for a Neighbourhood Plan does not mean a vote for no development. It means a vote for NO CONTROL over development"
Nick Bowles
Former Planning Minister
2013
What is a Neighbourhood Plan?
It is a part of the Government's localism agenda. It seeks to simplify what is a remote and complex planning system.
It is an opportunity for local people; for us to shape and influence planning policies on matters that affect us.
It involves drafting planning policies that will ultimately become part of the decision-making process.
What is involved?
Why do it?
What can't it do?

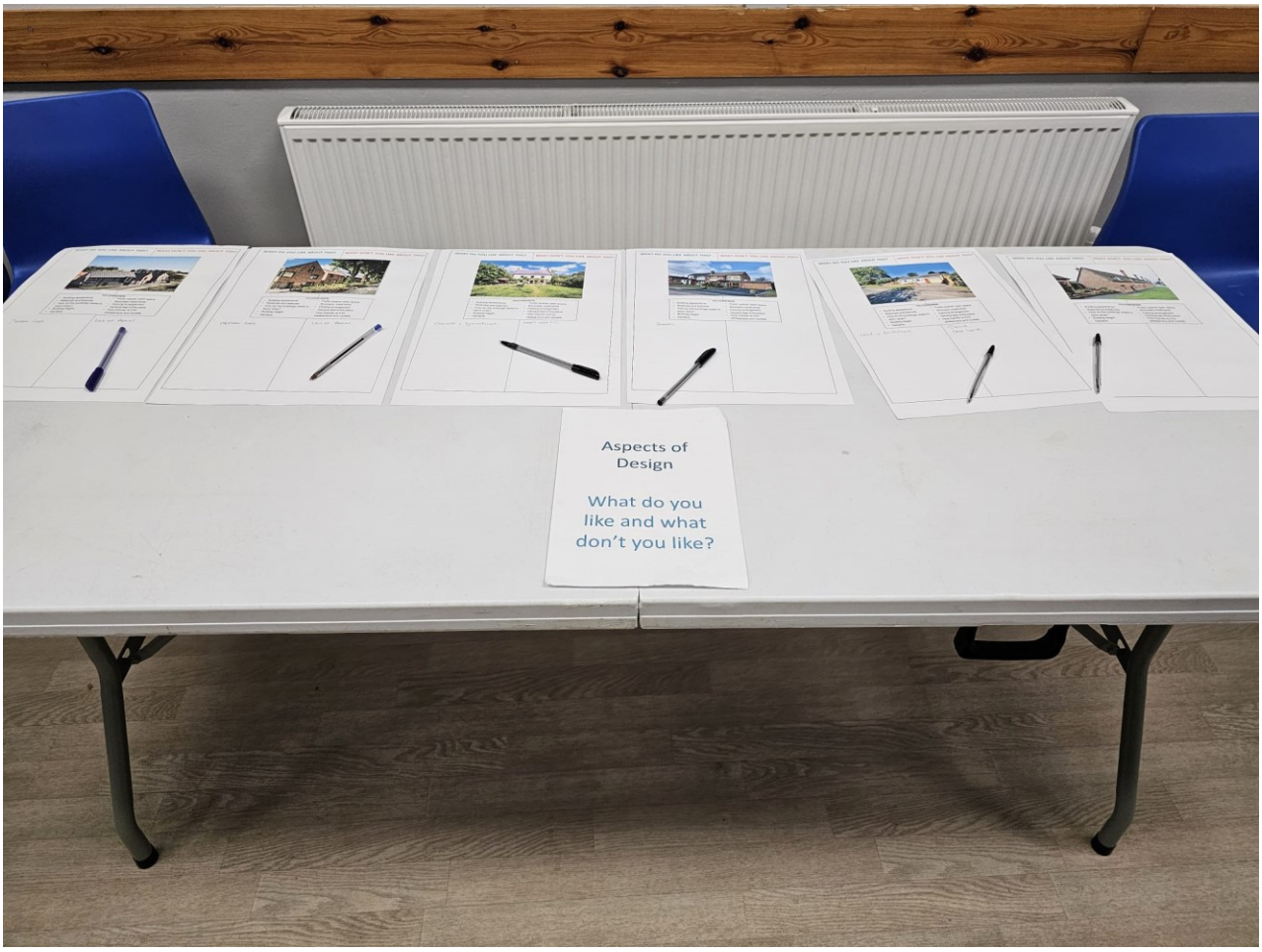

What have we done so far?
An Advisory Committee of the Parish Council has been established involving residents and Parish Councillors and supported by Neighbourhood Planning Consultants 'Yourlocale'
Funding has been received to help meet the cost of the delivery of the Plan. The costs of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan will be met by grant funding.
There are many stages in the preparation of a neighbourhood plan and it is envisaged that a draft plan will be ready within 12 months.
The first stage, becoming a 'Qualifying Body' has been secured along with confirming the 'Neighbourhood Area', which is the whole Parish. A Questionnaire is being prepared and technical support has been engaged to deliver a housing needs assessment to help understand the housing needs in the Parish as well as a design guide.
Neighbourhood Area
Vision
DO YOU AGREE?
What happens if we don't do a Neighbourhood Plan?


HOUSING
For the purposes of determining the best distribution of housing across the district, West Northamptonshire Council has identified a hierarchy of settlements in the Local Plan.
Lilbourne is classified in the 'Other Village' category, described as settlements which 'have an even more limited range of services and are more reliant on the services of larger centres for day-to-day needs. The scope for development within these villages is likely to be limited to windfall infill development, although some housing to provide for local needs may be suitable'.
There is no formal housing requirement for Lilbourne in the Daventry Local Plan.
It is likely, therefore, that further development will be limited in the Parish over the period covered by the Neighbourhood Plan (up to 2041), and this is the community's opportunity to make sure that where it takes place, it meets a local need.
ENVIRONMENT
The Neighbourhood Plan will consider policies that both protect and enhance the local environment.
It can identify sites that are suitable for development and sites that need to be protected from development, including land separating communities from one another.
Local Green Space designations can help protect land and can be considered on sites that are close to communities; are special, hold local significance, and are not extensive.
Local significance can include:
Beauty
Quality of views
Historical significance
Recreational value
Tranquillity
Richness of Wildlife
Separation from adjoining areas
Please tell us what land in the Parish you think is special by placing dots on the map on the table.
WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU!
Write on the post-it notes below
COMMUNITY FACILITIES/AMENITIES
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!
Write on the post-it notes below
EMPLOYMENT
The Neighbourhood Plan will look at the employment needs across the Parish and whether more employment opportunities should be made available. It will also look at existing provision.
Is business development needed to meet existing or future needs?
How can we support existing businesses to thrive and survive?
Where might new businesses be based?
What about Homeworking?
Are broadband speeds and mobile signals sufficient?
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!
Write on the post-it notes below
Housing
Environment
Community Facilities
Employment


Environmental designations


HERITAGE
ARE THERE ANY OTHER BUILDINGS THAT THE PLAN SHOULD SEEK TO ENHANCE OR PROTECT?
HOW ELSE MIGHT THE PLAN PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT?
DESIGN
Tourism
Leisure
Choice
Affordable Housing
Good
Business
Help to improve OUR community
Community Hall
Environment
yourlocale


ACCESS & HIGHWAYS
The Neighbourhood Plan will look at issues of access in the Parish and consider policies that improve the current situation.
Do you have views on:
Public transport?
Congestion?
Car parking?
Footpaths/cycle ways?
The road system?
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!
Write on the post-it notes below
ANYTHING ELSE?
Is there anything else you would like to see the Neighbourhood Plan include?
What happens now?
The Power of Neighbourhood Plans
The Power of Neighbourhood Plans



Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on each topic using post-it notes and to place them on flip-chart paper alongside each display. These are the comments that were made:

THE VISION:

- Yes, agree x 8
- We agree in principle but should maintain the green fields surrounding the village. Care needs to be taken with regard to flooding in the winter
- Yes, I agree. Great location
- I agree. Need to ensure the surrounding green space is preserved – no more building
- Yes, I agree with the vision. The rural small village character drew us here in 1970 and we still treasure it
- I think this is a great vision!
- Good vision
- Agree with vision 100%. Nice to have a say
- Yes agree with the vision. It is important we are listened to
- It is important that the village has a voice in decisions
- Lilbourne needs more. We can keep the soul whilst embracing change and growth
- The village needs growth to prevent it dying rather than thriving

HOUSING:

- More affordable housing, especially to encourage younger buyers
- Encourage young people into the village and help them feel welcomed and keep the village alive
- More affordable housing for young people who want to stay in the village
- Need more housing for local people – starter homes, affordable homes, small and large family homes
- Housing that is built needs to be accessible to ageing populations/ easy to adapt
- The community will die with a lack of new housing and facilities
- Very limited increase in housing. Bungalows to be included if there are any. Actually built, not just included in plans!
- Limited increase. Bungalows
- Need limited increase in housing
- Using environmentally improved technology and reclaimed stone etc. Look at embodied carbon and ongoing carbon

DESIGN:

- New, different, contemporary and timeless designs
- Designed to fit in with our village – cottage style. X 1
- Sympathetic with houses already present. Unique buildings
- Must be compatible with existing houses
- To fit in with existing houses adjacent to site. Include sizeable gardens. Adaptable for ageing population
- Compatible with existing housing. Adequate off-road parking. Trees and hedges
- Sympathetic to existing houses. Safe modern heat pump, etc
- Must be sympathetic to existing house styles. Parking needs to be adequate
- Any build should be considering biodiversity and being environmentally sound – climate resilience – and not exacerbate environmental impacts such as flooding, light pollution. Address air quality. Improve and enhance nature and wildlife. Low energy use and insulated. Electric charge points for cars. Swift bricks/bat bricks as standard. Native species landscape planting; pollinator species; berries for birds, etc. Community car share point at village hall
- Any development should include green space for wildlife
- Any development should include mature trees to soften the impact of new buildings
- Designs that fit in and plenty of trees and hedgerows
- Natural space between houses - gardens/trees/bushes. Range of sizes for new residents
- Modern efficient and with good energy systems and affordable and green
- There is no 1 part design but why should we have something bland and functional – but not too modern
- Modern building can be very attractive if done sympathetically
- List projects to improve village life, community, infrastructure, nature that developers can invest in if they would like to live here
- New development should allow for adequate parking. The village does not have a good enough bus service so anyone in the village has to own at least one car. Too many cars already park on the verges
- Increase biodiversity. Village beehives for the village (this is v low cost)

An exercise was held to encourage comments on a range of house designs. The results were as follows:

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THIS?

Character e Symmetrical
Beautiful
Traditional, Unique
large garden
very village-y Traditional
Rural - in keeping & English Village
in keeping with village
Traditional
Large garden
Everything.
large garden.
traditional looking
Looks like Village Property
TRADITONAL LG GARDEN
beatiful

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT THIS?



TO CONSIDER:

- Building appearance.
- Materials and features.
- How do the buildings relate to each other?
- Building height.
- Gardens.
- Public space/ open space.
- Boundary treatments.
- Parking arrangement.
- General feel of the place.
- How friendly is it for pedestrians and cyclists.

MESSY LOOKING
High maintenance garden
difficult to maintain
Put it on Whitecroft Land
beautiful Character
WITH ample outdoor Space
less efficient in terms of building for multiple houses & limiting w/ cost + size

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Modern Look.

~~Too much concrete~~.
modern.

~~Too high for setting~~
Modern looking

too modern

Appeals to younger people + could be well intergrated in current ~~area~~ community.

I like the barn conversion feel
↳ feels economic, fresh + new

LACK OF PARKING.

will date quickly.
Ugly but poss more environmental?

Too close together, poor parking
Too much concrete.
Too industrial by Lilburne.

Too Modern
No Parking
To Close ~~together~~
Too High for the setting + too close together.

too close together, limited parking for visitors

Ugly not there
NO PARKING.
NOT IN KEEPING WITH TRADITIONAL VILLAGE LOOK

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Parking,
nothing ✓
Parking

Too much tarmac
Modern.
Not appropriate in a rural environment
Ugly Tarmac
Ugly
Dreadful - ~~no~~ uninspiring.
Tarmac isn't good environmentally because it's impermeable. Lilbourne already has drainage issues.
Uninspiring
Too old looking → too repetitive
we need a fresh take

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Unique, unobtrussive
Well maintained.
Historic
Like the grass/drainage.
Nice looking
In keeping with village
Traditional design
~~xxxxx~~
Traditional + lovely.
Traditional.
more in keeping in Village but would need rear access for Parking etc
BEAUTIFUL

Small windows
Bit depressing
looks like alms houses
open on to pavement.
no parking, where would residents park?
look difficult to adapt for changing mobility
PARKING?
traditional village Style Cottage, / Stone - well Maintained
Needs work → looks too old

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Neat & functional

Well set amongst trees,

Single story can be good

good tree/green element

Single story - not high sided

Single storey

Adequate parking

Trees.

Bungalow

good parking

not objectional

SINGLE STOREY.

PARKING.

Ample parking

functional parking/garage space.

Bland

DATED LOOKING

and needs upgrading

Dated

Very uninspiring

Doesn't look interesting

BLAND

Horrible → looks run down, depressing, bleak

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Traditional style

Look a bit odd.

No parking

Roof level.

HERITAGE:

- Enhance and protect what heritage buildings we have. X 1
- Respect for our listed buildings when and if considering future development
- Keep the history: the church, the green, the castle mounds, etc. x 1
- 100 year-old church. Castle mounds
- Church; houses over 150 years old; open spaces
- Add ancient monuments – castle mounds (Motte and Bailey) and Glebe Farm

ACCESS and HIGHWAYS:

- Pot holes. x 3
- Pot holes and poor road surfaces
- Safety of young people and residents with speed and size of traffic. Roads are not fit for heavy traffic
- Development must be accountable for state of roads – improving existing if necessary
- Improved footpaths around village
- Do not like light pollution from warehouse and from street furniture, and noise levels from motorways
- Maintenance of drains and pipe system – surface water increased due to lack of maintenance and increased building

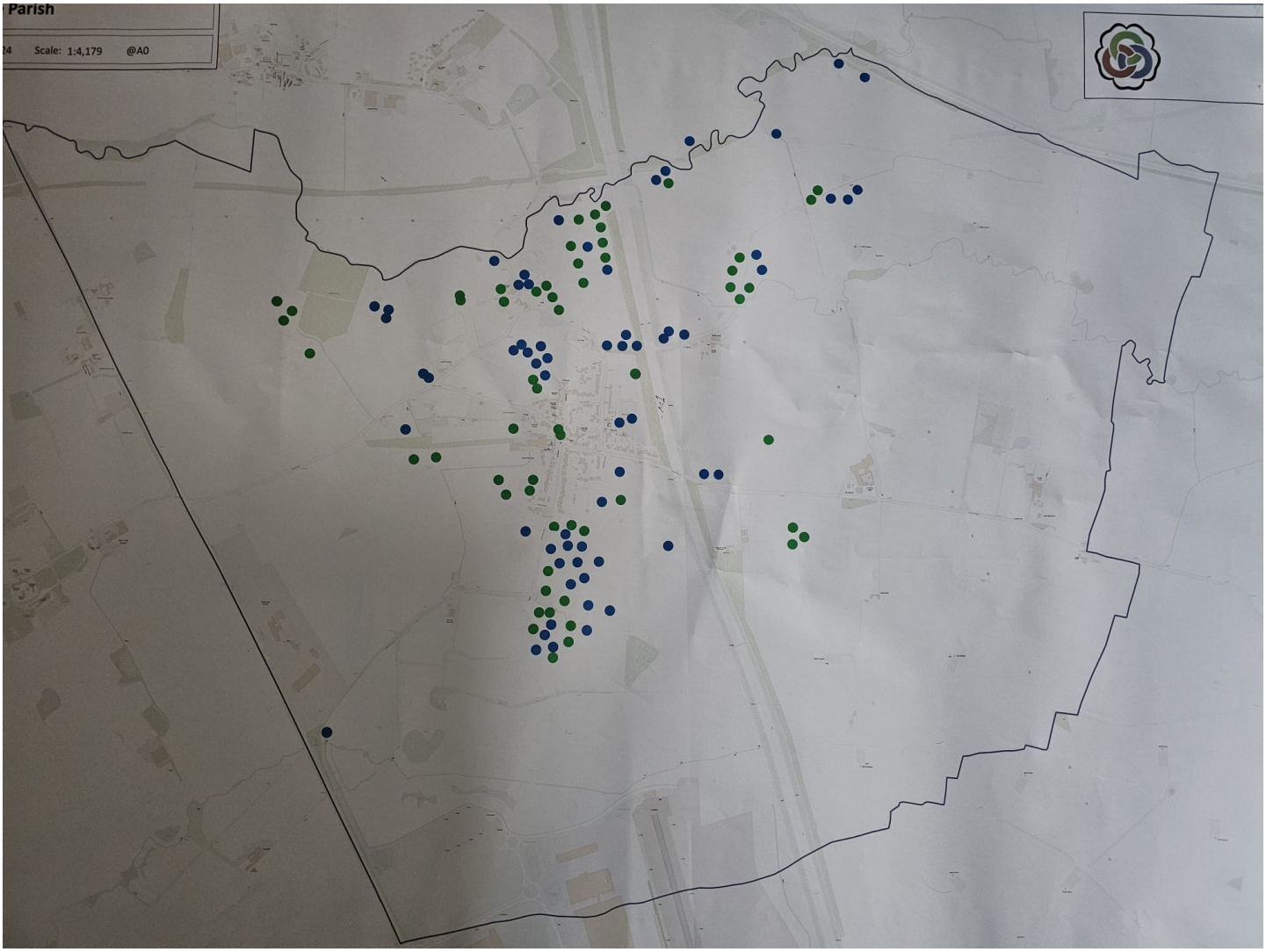
EMPLOYMENT/BUSINESSES:

- Need for local employment, new small businesses needed. Support for small local businesses
- No need for employment in the village as we are near so many employment providers. Broadband is dreadful for those of us who do work from home
- Improved broadband for homeworking would be beneficial. Community space to be able to work from, ie hall or existing hospitality business
- Open the hall for those working from home few times a week so have human contact

ENVIRONMENT:

- Limit/ restrict HGV access to the village. X 2
- Stop the increase of HGV's driving through the village that has/continues to damage the structure of the houses, roads and drainage as a consequence
- Sound reduction of noise from M1 and other major roads. Wasn't there a special road surface that was going to be laid on the motorway? X 3
- Improve the roads
- Why haven't we got roads to support the traffic through for the solar farm? Other villages have signs refusing access
- Make it 20mph through village and limit HGV's. We get them through far too much
- Protect the environment
- Environment crucial so don't need slurry farms
- Protecting the environment protects village residents too and must be respected
- Identified the existing nature areas. Please identify where we can enhance and create habitats for species
- Leave all the footpaths and bridleways
- Maintain existing green spaces and footpaths
- Maintain village identity – no further encroaching industry

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

- We have good community facilities if only villagers would use them
- Need community to get more involved
- Need to welcome more to the village through housing – this will bring it to life and get us well-needed facilities (village shop, post office, traffic calming)
- Small village shop/store needed. x 1
- Protect historic buildings, eg church. Maintain village hall
- Church must be protected. It's open all day and walkers, etc do drop in
- Acquire field bordering playing field for leisure use

ANYTHING ELSE?

- Light pollution is a big issue
- Road signs to have foliage and tree branches removed

- Why do we always have to feel as the poor relation (as a village) ?
- No parking on pavements
- More trees on burial ground; nice path to walk on
- Farmer's market once a month in village hall or car park
- Walking club
- Information board about Mounds. I have had people stop me to ask about them when walking dog
- Information notice for mounds. Maybe further signpost info re mounds/church

Summary of comments.

This was a very successful event with a very high level of attendance and a positive and engaging atmosphere. People made very considered and thoughtful comments and there is clearly a lot of passion for the community and people are invested in helping to ensure that Lilbourne thrives into the future.

There was strong support for the draft Vision Statement, with some concern to maintain the fields surrounding the village but recognition that growth is necessary and the importance of Lilbourne having a say in any decisions.

Comments on housing reflected the need to encourage provision for young and older people, with support for Affordable Housing products and renewable technology.

Most respondents to the section of design referenced the need to be compatible with existing design features, but there was also support for good quality contemporary design. Other identified features included incorporating environmental aspects, adequate parking and increases in biodiversity.

The need to protect heritage buildings was emphasised.

Environmental protection was identified as an important element and there were many comments in this section on the inappropriateness of HGVs driving through the village. The importance of footpaths and bridleways was highlighted.
The poor state of the roads was drawn attention to in the section on highways and access, along with the need for improved footpaths and the issue of light and noise pollution.

Views were mixed in relation to the need for employment locally, however improved broadband was identified as an issue and it was suggested that the Village Hall could be opened as a community hub.

There was a feeling that Lilbourne has sufficient community facilities, but that they are not well used by residents. The point was made that additional housing will bring the potential for better facilities, and some additional facilities were mentioned, such as a shop, post office and traffic calming. The need to protect the Church was referenced and someone suggested acquiring the field bordering the playing field for leisure use.

A number of suggestions were made in the 'anything else?' section, including the problem of light pollution, the need for better signage and information boards, issues relating to parking on pavements and the suggestion that a Farmer's Market is held in the Village Hall.

These comments will be taken forward by separate theme groups and will form an important part of the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan moving forward.

Images from the event are shown on the following pages.






Neighbourhood plan
OPEN EVENT
Here today!
10am - 12.30 pm
Come & find out what it's all about !!
Free refreshments


PHOTOGRAPHY


Why do it?
What can't it do?
What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

