

ORMESBY ST MARGARET WITH SCRATBY PARISH COUNCIL

What have the neighbourhood plan committee been doing?

The committee have been working at setting up the first stages of the neighbourhood plan. Grant has been obtained for both the consultation work and the design codes up to the end of March 2021 and will then be requested again from April 2021 for the next financial year; there is no cost to residents to produce this plan.

The next stage is the survey and we have been working with the consultants to pull together the questions for the survey, producing the leaflets and posters and terms of reference for the committee.

We have also started initial discussions with AECOM on the design codes that will form part of the plan. Design codes help us understand, shape, improve and plan for future spaces and homes ensuring that our neighbourhoods work well and are in keeping with the rest of our neighbourhoods. We will keep you update on this work as it progresses.

Next Steps – The Survey

Q When will I receive the survey?

A The survey will be officially launched on Monday 11th January 2021 and run for 6 weeks, closing on Sunday 21st February 2021 (deadline may be extended due to lockdown) on our website and social media channels. Our aim is to deliver a postcard to every property as soon as possible in January (national lockdown restrictions permitting). The website, social media channels and the postcard will provide full details on how to access the survey as well as a contact telephone number and email address if you wish to receive a hard copy of the survey or need assistance completing the survey.

We would also ask that if you know of any neighbour that is having difficulties with completing the survey, please let us know as we can help.

Q Why is it so important to complete the survey?

A This is your opportunity to have your say on the type of developments we want in our villages. We have seen that residents feel very strongly about development and the infrastructure to support it, so we need to ensure that we all continue to achieve what is right for our villages. We cannot stop development and with planning laws due to be less restrictive by central government it has never been more important to have your say.

Once a neighbourhood plan has been brought into force, following consultation and local referendum, it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the parish and will be used by the Borough Council in deciding on all planning applications in the parish.

Q Who produces the questions for the survey?

A The consultants help us produce the questions. The consultants are working with lots of parish councils to produce their neighbourhood plans and some of the questions are standard for all plans but tailored to our villages. We do also have some more local questions that again are tailored to our specific needs i.e. – the village centres etc.

Q What happens once the survey closes?

A Once the survey closes, the consultants will spend some time collating the information and analysing the data. They will develop key issues from the data received as well as identify policy options for addressing these issues. They will then bring a draft report back to the neighbourhood plan committee. We do not expect to receive any data until at least the end of March/beginning of April 2021.

Next Steps – The next six months

Q What happens once the survey results are received back from the consultants?

A We will look at this data and incorporate it into the pre-submission plan.

Q What is included in the pre-submission plan?

- A The pre-submission plan will include:
- the vision and objectives for the villages
 - planning policies
 - housing, green spaces, sustainable drainage, landscape, heritage, and transport etc.
 - Community based policies
 - Maintenance of footpaths, speed management etc.

From here we will also look at any options to allocate **(there may not be any)** which will include: -

- Consider level of development
- Review available sites
- Site assessment
- Consultation
- Choose site
- Write allocations policy

Next Steps – The Future

Work will start on:

- Considering the impacts on wildlife and working with environmental bodies
- Consult on the draft plan and any environmental report
- Send proposals to local planning authority
- Review all representations received
- The final plan is then submitted to Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the Broads Authority for examination.

Further information

Q How long will the plan take to complete and adopt?

- A The neighbourhood plan can take up to a minimum of 18 months to two years to adopt. There is a lot of work involved in producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Q Will I receive any more surveys to complete?

A We will need to consult throughout the process so it is more than likely that you will receive further requests from us to comment.

Q Can I be part of the Neighbourhood Plan committee?

A We will be asking for resident interest once the survey has been completed.

Q Can I contact you to ask any questions about the Neighbourhood Plan?

A Yes, we have a dedicated email address – neighbourhoodplanning@ormesby.org and we would love to hear from you.

Q Have any other villages produced a neighbourhood plan?

A Yes, neighbourhood plans are currently progressing for Rollesby, Winterton, Fleggburgh and Hemsby. Filby are at final consultation stage – you can view the final submission version of their neighbourhood plan at www.filbyparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan