

North East Derbyshire District Council

Note on the Preparation of the Wingerworth Neighbourhood Plan

The District Council has decided that the Plan will go forward to Public Referendum on the 14 June 2018. Details of the referendum are available on the District Council's [elections web pages](#).

This note briefly describes the Plan and its preparation.

The Wingerworth Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan has been prepared by the Parish Council and sets out a vision for the Parish and establishes the type of development needed to help sustain the community. It proposes a number of policies on housing provision, employment, the environment and community facilities. The following is taken from the Plan itself.

“The Plan provides a vision for the future of the Parish. This has been developed by residents and stakeholders following extensive consultation:

Wingerworth is sustained as a semi-rural, vibrant, integrated and sustainable community within large areas of attractive open and green space.

The objectives and policies were formulated following an analysis of the social, economic and environmental characteristics of the Parish, input by residents and other interested parties and examination of the national, county and local planning framework.

- To reinforce Wingerworth's distinct identity and character.
- To ensure the intrinsic role and beauty of Wingerworth's countryside and green spaces are maintained and wherever possible, enhanced.
- To sustain the vitality, integration and safety of the Parish.
- To create a Parish that has minimum impact on the natural environment.
- To provide new housing which is high quality, integrated into the wider community and meets identified housing needs, including local housing needs now and in the future, and which is compatible with the environmental, economic and social objectives of the Parish.
- To retain and enhance community facilities and services.
- To address any adverse impact associated with vehicular traffic, especially along the A61.”

The Plan itself and all the documents relating to it are available online at the District Council's web site:-

<http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/index.php/resident/local-plan?accid=2>

Or go to <http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk> and search 'Neighbourhood plan'

Preparation of the Plan

The preparation of the Plan started when, on 13 January 2015 Wingerworth Parish Council submitted an application to North East Derbyshire District Council for the designation of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area. This was confirmed on 19 March 2015 for the Wingerworth Neighbourhood Plan.

The Wingerworth Neighbourhood Development Plan has been written by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and approved by the Parish Council. Starting with an exhibition/drop-in consultation event on 29 June 2015 the Steering Group undertook a proactive publicity campaign throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. The community and stakeholders were kept informed on the progress of the Plan and encouraged to get involved through regular notices were placed on the Parish notice boards preceding key consultation events and outlining progress on the Plan.

Progress on the Neighbourhood Plan was provided in the parish newsletter; 'the Wings Magazine.' The publication is distributed to all households in the Parish and published electronically on various web sites, including the Parish Council. A web page, dedicated to Wingerworth Neighbourhood Plan was incorporated on to the Parish Council website. The webpage provided background information on the Plan, contact details and how to get involved, minutes of the Steering Group meetings and progress on the Plan.

The Parish Council consulted on that Draft Plan in for 6 weeks in January 2016, and views from those consultations helped inform changes to the document. Wingerworth Parish Council carried out a second six week consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan in August/September 2016. The Draft Plan was then submitted to the District Council after which it was subject to a further period of consultation for 6 weeks ending on Monday 16th October 2017.

An Independent Examiner was appointed in January 2018 to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Wingerworth Neighbourhood Plan and this was completed with the final examination report sent to both the Parish Council and District Council on 23 March 2018.

North East Derbyshire District Council's Cabinet determined on 11 April 2018, in light of the examination report, that the Wingerworth Neighbourhood Development Plan, once revised according to the modifications recommended by the independent examiner, will meet the legal requirements and basic conditions as set out in legislation. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will therefore proceed to referendum on Thursday, 14th June 2018.