

# South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter – September’18

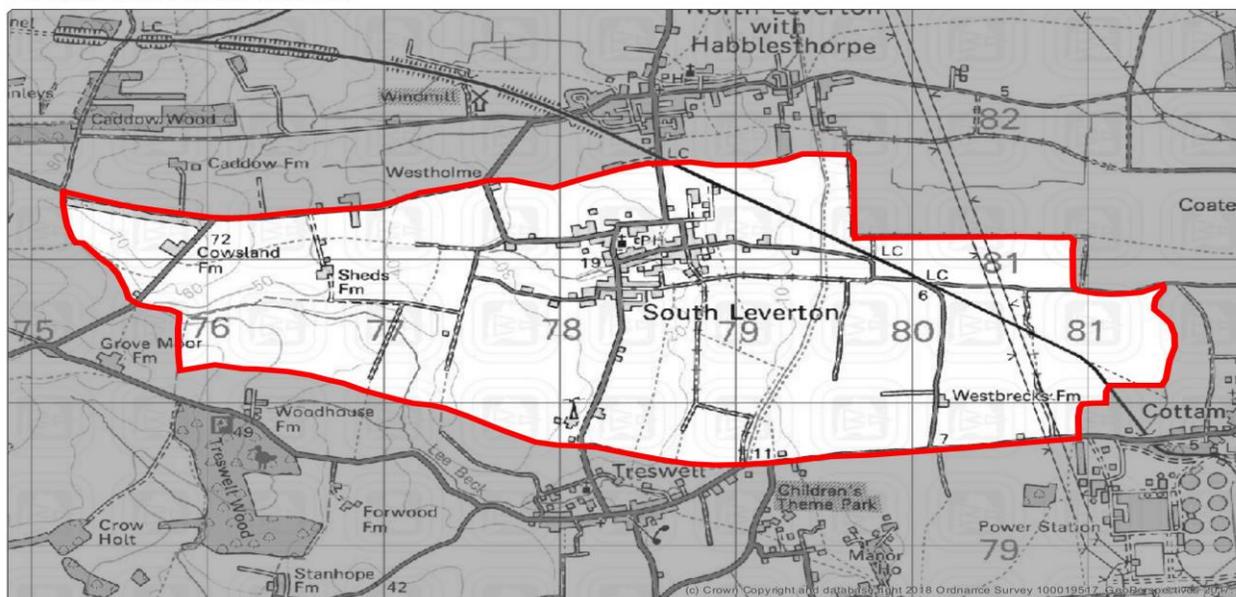
## Our Village – Our Plan – Our Future

Residents attended a public meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July’18 to take the opportunity to voice their recommendations and aspirations for the village neighbourhood plan. The meeting took the form of an informal drop in wine and cheese evening which proved popular, being well attended with a wide cross section of the village population, and ranging from teenagers to senior citizens. Residents recorded their views with hand written “stick on” notes pinned to a large scale map of the South Leverton parish boundary as illustrated below, and which forms the designated area for the neighbourhood plan. The residents views recorded at this public meeting are summarised overleaf.

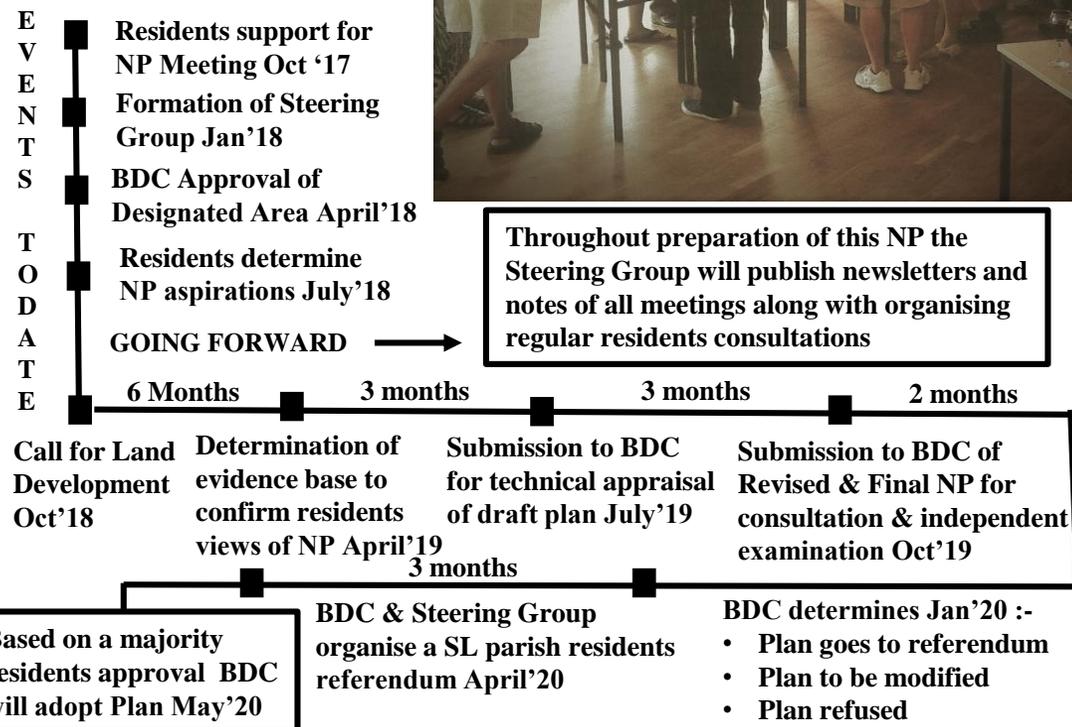
The Steering Group will issue further newsletter updates in accordance with the approximate time line below. The next major stage will be a call for land sites, followed by village surveys to determine evidence and substantiate support for the recommendations and aspirations expressed by the residents.



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The parish consists of agricultural land in the main, with a central village which includes some 200 dwellings with a population of 480 residents.



## **South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan**

This is an opportunity for the residents of South Leverton to shape the future development of their village through the production of a neighbourhood plan. Preparation, independent examination, BDC approval and residents referendum authorisation will take some 2-1/2 years. From start to finish the village residents will be consulted, involved and invited to contribute to the development of their neighbourhood plan. The notes below are a summary of the residents views and ideas put forward at the 4<sup>th</sup> July wine and cheese evening meeting in the village hall. All residents are invited to make further suggestions or amendments as they see fit, whether or not they attended the 4<sup>th</sup> July meeting. The neighbourhood plan will be written by the Steering Group, comprising 10 village residents and chaired by Catherine Hoyle. Please stay in touch by visiting the village website and face book page, read our newsletters, and come along to future meetings. Neighbourhood website: [www.southlevertonpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan](http://www.southlevertonpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan)

### **Residents Views with regard to Housing Developments**

- Downsizing properties to be included
- New starter homes to be included
- Developments to preserve and enhance existing character and rural feel
- Mixture of building styles to enhance individuality of appearance
- Developments be both infill and on the village outskirts
- Developments to enable residents to operate business from home
- Improved infrastructure to accommodate increased population
- Consideration of acceptable impact on access to and from housing developments
- BDC to grant planning permission in accordance with NP
- Possible village infill sites to be surveyed for suitability in consultation with land owners who have offered their land for development

## **Residents Views with regard to village strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats – SWOT Analysis**

**Strengths** - The village has a good community spirit and is a friendly place to live with a pub, garage, village hall, and a historic church. **Weaknesses** - Lack of vision and initiatives, no facilities for children to play, poor maintenance of roads and footpaths, poor public transport links, inadequate NHS and state school services. **Opportunities** – Revitalise the village, improve the age mix from an aged population with new housing and infrastructure to encourage younger families to live in SL, improved local transport links, development of local cycle routes and walking trails taking in wild life pastures and historic village buildings. **Threats** - There is a danger that community life as such will continue to diminish and become dormant due to an ageing demographic, coupled with a present lack of initiatives to revitalise the village population, and along with residents' reluctance to use village existing facilities,

### **Residents Views with regard to other Neighbourhood Plan Developments**

- Introduce traffic calming chicanes
- Develop a safe play area for children
- Vigorous pursuit of NCC for resurfacing of roads and pavements
- Creation of job opportunities following local power station closures
- Development of pleasant open spaces including current and historic public bridleways and footpaths to encourage new residents seeking a rural life
- Development of additional resident activities with existing village facilities
- Development of environmental protection measures
- Development of a community arts and crafts facility
- Increase the number of benches around the village
- Arrange more village community events
- Prepare an accurate map of the village including streets, houses, historic and listed buildings, identifying all public bridleways and footpaths