

# Kinver Neighbourhood Plan

## *First Public Consultation: Issues and Options*

### Report on the Community Consultation ,

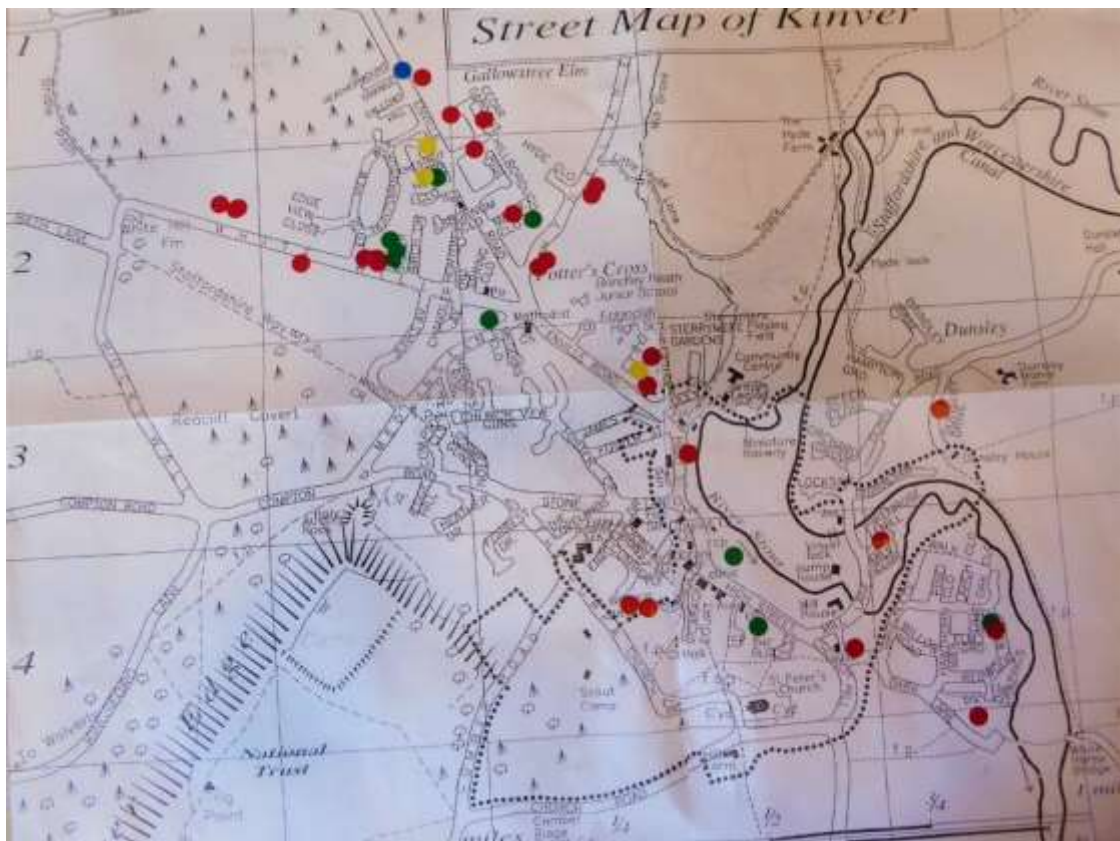
Edward Marsh Centre, Kinver, 12 June 2021, 10-2.

Residents of Kinver were invited to a public consultation in person on Saturday, 12 June 2021. This was the first real opportunity for people to find out about the Neighbourhood Plan and to discuss their views. The purpose was to enable discussion of the issues which the Neighbourhood Development Plan could address, and inform responses to the Questionnaire published in June.

All residents in Kinver had received a paper copy of the Questionnaire, which contained links to the Kinver NDP website, the online questionnaire, and the Issues and Options paper. Contact details were also provided for requesting paper copies of documents, and responding to the questionnaire using the paper version.

In addition to the in-person consultation at the Edward Marsh Centre, online and telephone consultations were available. Covid infection rates were high, and precautions were in place to minimise the risks. Many people were wary of public meetings, and one of the potential consultation dates was cancelled as rates rose.

More than 40 people attended the Edward Marsh Centre, most from Kinver village; and most in the over 65 age group (red dots). The areas where attendees lived were reasonably well distributed across the parish settlements. Most lived in Kinver, but Stourton and other areas were also represented.



County Councillor Victoria Wilson attended and also manned the consultation and distributed the questionnaire to passers-by. Alex Roche, the latest volunteer to join the Steering Group, came and introduced herself. Councillors Christine Allen, Geoff Sisley, Ed Simons, and Eunice Lord were on duty and Ann Becke of the Edward Marsh Centre made sure everything worked, provided drinks – and talked to visitors.

A further 10 completed questionnaires were dropped off by hand, and 8 comment slips posted. The opportunity was also taken to hand out questionnaires and chat to people using the adjoining playground or passing by.

#### General feedback from conversations:

Many people were not clear what a Neighbourhood Plan is for, what it can (and cannot ) do, or who is running it. It will clearly take a sustained campaign of keeping a high profile to build up participation and engagement.

Most feedback was positive, although some aired the view that there was little which could be done against the might of the planning system.

Almost everyone voiced concerns about the planned developments, destruction of the Green Belt, and a sense of powerlessness to stop or divert these plans.

As regards housing, several attendees emphasized the need for affordable housing for local people, including the elderly. Would the proposed new flats at the Burgesses have a 'local residence' test?

Parking in the village centre cropped up frequently – it's hard for those of limited mobility to find a space, and it was felt that inadequate parking reduced footfall in the High Street. And the very limited parking at the new Burgesses development was felt to increase pressure on the High Street parking.

Public transport (or lack of it) came up several times.

The fate of Stag Meadow was raised, if its use for football declines, since it is in private ownership. This relates also the the ownership of the bridge onto the field.

#### Photos:







Written comments:

MY WORRIES ARE THAT THE VILLAGERS WISHES WILL BEING GET OVER RIDDEN BY SS DC. DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT LAND DESTROYS THIS VILLAGE (MY HOME), PROVISION FOR THE YOUNG IS OK WELL + GOOD, BUT I FIND THE YOUNG TO BE DESPISIVE TO WHAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE AGING. C. BASKETBALL AREA, STATE FACIL, BOTH GET DROWNED IN REFUSE LEFT BY THEM BUT BINS PROVIDED ARE EMPTY, FAST MOTOR BIKES + YOUNG MEN IN SPEEDY CAR CAUSE ISSUES WITH THE TIGHT STREETS OF THE VILLAGE

EXTREME DANGER OF SUPPOSED PLANNING WHICH DEPENDS THAT WILL LEAD TO SOCIALLY DESIGNED + BUILT HOUSING. AFFORDABILITY WILL BE IMPAIRED, WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION OF ECONOMY, LOSS ATTENTION TO SUSTAINABILITY (INCLUDING ZERO CARBON) CORREL. SUBSIDY HOUSING WITH AGEING AND ONLY BENEFIT DEVELOPERS. ZERO LOCAL CONSULTATION + DESIGN OF LOCAL DESIGN MAKING. MEANINGFUL HOUSING / INFRASTRUCTURE DECISIONS SPECIFICALLY MADE AT DISTRICT (NOT PARISH) LEVEL. SOUTH STAFFS ARE PAID IN ITS DUTY TO TAKE THE N. PLAN SCREENING - AUTHORISE.

Many Flats + Apartments For Elderly Will They Be Kinver Residents Aging Group OF Residents Will Be More Present On These Issues SUBJECT TO SEE A NAME DUTY CAN TAKE UP TO 2 WEEKS NOT QUITE ENOUGH THAT THESE ARE PLANS FOR THE VILLAGERS ATTRACTIVE DEVELOPMENTS OF MILL HUNT TO BE DEVELOPED AND REFINED WITH A + STABLE DEVELOPMENT. KINVER IS ENOUGH SOUTH STATE PLANNING

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 Consultation Day 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
 COMMENTS:  
 Too many cyclists on pavements  
 If Burgess have visitors when do they park esp. of elderly  
 Do take that into consideration if mill hunt is to be developed - does it really need to be done?  
 Buses are dreadful you are forcing us to use cars to travel anywhere.  
 Are we a commuter village?

Not against building or development  
or so. But keep it sympathetic to the  
inwarding area -  
Don't build on flood plains or green belt,  
is there for a reason - then suddenly change  
then it suits the developer and builders.

### PUBLIC TRUSTEE?

WITH GOVERNMENT WANTING POWER TO  
WE CARE LESS HOW CAN THE HOUSING  
IN KINGS. KING'S PEOPLE WHO  
IN BIRMINGHAM & THE BLACK COUNTRY  
& REMAINS TO STURMIDGE TOWN  
ARE NO LONGER BUILT TO GET BACK  
TO KINGS

I LIVE ALONG MILL LANE SEWAGE  
PUMPING STATION. THE STENCH ON  
SOME DAYS IS AWFUL. THE SYSTEM MUST  
DATE BACK 50, 60, 70, OR MORE YEARS  
IF CAN'T CARE HOW I WILL ONLY  
GET WORSE WITH MORE DEVELOPMENT.