

Newick Now to 2030



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1st October, 2012

Dear «SALUTATION»,

Neighbourhood Plan

On behalf of Newick Parish Council, I am writing to you as the Secretary of one of Newick's many associations clubs and societies. As you may be aware, the passing of the Localism Act earlier this year opened the way to parish councils producing Neighbourhood Plans. These allow councils to have a far greater say on the planning of future development within their parish. Newick Parish Council has agreed to develop a Neighbourhood Plan covering the period to 2030. If the Council develops an acceptable plan and it receives a majority "YES" vote at a referendum, no longer will Newick have to just accept whatever Lewes District Council's planning department agrees should be built. LDC's planners will still decide how many housing units are to be built in Newick, but our Neighbourhood Plan can state the sizes and types of new housing to be built, where new developments are to be located and how the construction of each development is to be phased.

The Parish Council has applied for and been granted permission to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the entire Civil Parish of Newick, and has set up a small Steering Group of Parish Councillors charged with producing the plan. What the Parish Council needs over the coming months are views on what housing and services Newick needs. Also, in particular from your members, the Parish Council would like to hear what new or improved community and recreational facilities are desired.

The Parish Council will be holding a general information / consultation day in Newick Village Hall on 17th November between 10am – 4.00pm and hopes that your members will call in. There will be a presentation on the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and what it involves, plus displays on various associated subjects. Parish Councillors and planners from Lewes District Council will be on hand to answer questions and collect your views. Further details of this event will be provided nearer the time on the Parish Council's notice boards, Newick.net etc. Could you please urge all of your members to attend?

In addition, the Parish Council would be delighted to have the views of your members in writing by 30th November. The Council will also arrange at a later date, opportunities for those wishing to do so to put forward their points of view at open discussion meetings or Steering Group meetings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. M. Farmer', written over a horizontal line.

Linda M. Farmer
Clerk to the Council