

Newick Now to 2030



1st October, 2012

Dear

Neighbourhood Plan

On behalf of Newick Parish Council, I am writing to you as the owner of land identified by Lewes District Council (LDC) in its SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) as a possible site for new housing in Newick. 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 for the entire Civil Parish of Newick covering the period to 2030. If the Parish Council develops an acceptable plan and it receives a majority "YES" vote at a referendum, LDC's planners will still decide how many housing units are to be built in Newick, but the 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 set up a small Steering Group of Parish Councillors charged with producing the plan. What the Parish Council needs over the coming months are the views of the residents on what housing, services and recreational facilities Newick needs, plus the proposals of landowners and developers for particular potential housing development sites.

The Parish Council will be holding a general information / consultation day in Newick Village Hall on 17th November and hopes that you 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 LDC 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.

In addition, the Parish Council would welcome a presentation to the Steering Group, either by you as a landowner or by a developer you are working with, on what you see as a possible development for your site. If you wish or your developer wishes to make such a presentation, please contact the Council's Clerk to arrange a date and time.

Yours sincerely

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