Newsletter from the Kelbrook and Sough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

March 2021

This is the fourth newsletter that has been distributed by the Kelbrook and Sough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.   It is intended to provide an update on the progress of the plan and to invite you to get involved.

Progress to date

Although we have not been sending out newsletters in the last year due to the coronavirus restrictions, we have continued to work on the Neighbourhood Plan.   Earlier in 2020, we collected further evidence and developed the policies that we would like to adopt.   These have been documented and we produced a first draft of the Plan.

Following a review of the Plan by Pendle Council planning we sought expert help and managed to get a grant for Eddy Taylor to assist us in rewriting the Plan into a more acceptable document.   We have re-written the Character Assessment as a separate document and currently the Policies are being revised and the Plan updated to reflect the improved presentation of the Plan.

The Steering Group continues to meet monthly in a virtual video meeting and we are progressing outstanding issues.

Next Steps

1. Respond to Pendle Plan Part 2 by 5pm on 6th April 2021.
2. Conduct a consultation on the proposed Site Allocations in the Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan.
3. Produce the draft Kelbrook & Sough Neighbourhood Plan so that it can be reviewed by Kelbrook and Sough residents.   As part of this process, it will be made available throughout Pendle for consultation.
4. Once the consultation has completed and the document updated, the K&S Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted for formal examination by a Planning Inspector.
5. Once the Inspector has approved the K&S Neighbourhood Plan, there will be a referendum in the Parish for all residents to approve the plan or not.

IMPORTANT Response to Pendle Plan Part 2

Recently Pendle Council have been conducting their Consultation on the Pendle Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations and Development Policies (LP2).   The Steering Group have reviewed all of the documents that form part of this Pendle Plan in order to respond to the consultation, particularly in view of the nomination of a Kelbrook site on their priority list.

Within LP2, a number of sites are proposed for housing.   One of these sites is the field behind Church Lane which could accommodate up to 83 houses.   We believe that the key points are:

1. The additional housing which represents a 32% increase in houses would adversely affect the character of Kelbrook
2. There would be a major impact on the number 1 priority of Pendle's Climate Emergency Action plan to 'Support and enable sustainable travel' since the houses would need at least 1 car per household.

3. The number of 240 dwellings per year (dpa) in the Plan is in excess of the 140 dpa identified following alternative modelling and is far higher than required in Pendle, particularly with the loss of 1000 jobs in Barnoldswick
4. The Pendle Strategy in Local Plan Part 1 (LP1) states "Trawden, Foulridge, Fence and Kelbrook are capable of supporting additional services and housing provision. In these villages development will again be on a scale that meets the needs of their residents and where appropriate will support the needs of those in neighbouring smaller villages", (LP1 Pg 49 Spatial Strategy). We do not believe that Kelbrook requires any additional housing.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PENDLE LOCAL PLAN PART 2 BY 5PM 6TH APRIL 2021 by:

- [Completing the online representation form](#) at https://www.pendle.gov.uk/xfp/form/360
- [Downloading and completing a Microsoft Word version of the representation form](#)
- Emailing – ldf@pendle.gov.uk
- Writing to – Pendle Council, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LG

The Council would prefer to see comments using the Online Form but you can email your comments, making sure you add your name and address to the email.

Communications
This newsletter is part of the Communications strategy to reach as many people in the Parish as possible and further newsletters will be sent out over the next few months. We will be updating the Parish website http://www.kelbrookandsoughparishcouncil.uk/, to provide more information as well as having a Facebook group, Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan.

Parish Council Vacancies
The Parish Council is a civil local authority and is the lowest tier of local government. The Council has responsibility for a number of Community assets to ensure the well being of the local Community.   One of its responsibilities is the production of the Neighbourhood Plan which is being undertaken by a Steering Group.

We urgently need some more Councillors to help the existing Council who have been in post for a number of years.   If we do not manage to elect some more Councillors, then it is possible that Kelbrook and Sough would become defunct and may then be placed under the management of another Council such as Earby.

The work of a Councillor is unpaid and requires a few hours a month which includes attending Council meetings. If you would be interested in supporting your Community by becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Vice-Chair Garry Wilson at garryandaudreywilson@gmail.com or 0771162331

Kelbrook and Sough have a vacancy for the Parish Council Clerk. This is a paid, administrative role and is the 'engine' of an effective Council.   Key responsibilities are managing the Council's financial affairs, receiving and responding to correspondence, ensuring meetings are minuted and the Minutes distributed, the website is maintained and up to date. Training is available for someone wishing to undertake this role.   If you would be interested, please contact the Vice-Chair Garry Wilson at garryandaudreywilson@gmail.com or 0771162331

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