



Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan

Notice of Pre-Submission Consultation

A pre-submission consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Stoke Golding Parish will take place for a period of eight weeks from Monday 14th December to Friday 5th February. This consultation forms part of the statutory consultation required by Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

What are your views on the Plan?

This pre-submission consultation is to gather feedback from those who live, work or have a business in the area to comment on the Plan. A range of statutory and public bodies will also be consulted to add to the feedback.

Why is a Neighbourhood Plan important?

The Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan will allow people who live, work or have a business in the Parish to have a say on where they think new houses and businesses should be located and what they should look like; this will inform and help decide planning applications in the Parish. In addition, the Plan will help:

- safeguard the character and beauty of the countryside
- conserve the character and heritage
- protect the green spaces
- improve local development and tourism opportunities.



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced in The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and offers communities direct power to shape development and growth in their local area. The plan will run until 2039, with reviews every five years or so.

This Draft Plan is the result of consultation with the community and interest groups, together with detailed work by the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee over the last few years. Feedback from consultation events, questionnaire results and information about the area have helped in the preparation of this Draft Plan.

In addition to housing development, the Draft Plan contains policies and proposals to protect the countryside, important views, green spaces and heritage.

Key Policies of the Plan

The vision is for Stoke Golding to be a vibrant rural community set in attractive countryside and with a strong sense of local identity. This vision should be achieved by the following:

Meeting the strategic housing requirement in a way that reflects local needs

- Recognising the level of development in recent years, the Plan proposes far more modest development over the next decade or so
- Allocating developed land at Mulberry Farm on High Street for around 25 new homes
- Allocating a reserve site on land off Hinckley Road if additional development is required by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
- Making provision for affordable housing
- Providing support for infill development (subject to compliance with policies)

Safeguarding the character and beauty of the countryside and its natural environment

- Protecting against unsuitable development
- Maintaining the separation from Dadlington
- Making use of our green infrastructure – the old railway line and the canal
- Enhancing our Public Rights of Way
- Protecting our locally important views and valued landscapes
- Maintaining and enhancing ecologically important areas to encourage biodiversity

Conserving the unique character and heritage of Stoke Golding

- Maintaining our heritage assets, listed buildings, Bosworth battlefield, Stoke Golding and Ashby Canal Conservation Areas
- Promoting good design which reflects the traditional character of the village

Recognising and protecting the Important green spaces within the village

- Preventing development on green areas valued by the community

Protecting and improving the local services and facilities

- Retaining our range of services – schools, halls, shop, pubs, sporting facilities and allotments
- Improving the village infrastructure using funding from any new development

Improving local employment and tourism opportunities

- Supporting tourism related developments associated with the Ashby Canal or the Bosworth Battlefield
- Providing support to further development at Willow Park Industrial Estate
- Enabling adaption of rural buildings for business use



Where can I see the Draft Plan?

You will be able to view the Draft Neighbourhood Plan on the Stoke Golding village website:

<https://www.stokegolding.co.uk/np/>

If you do not have internet access please phone xxxxxxxxxx and we will arrange for a physical copy of the Draft Plan to be sent to you.



How can I make comments?

Comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan can be made using the Pre-Submission Comments Form which can be downloaded from the village website.

All comments/forms must either be emailed to xxxxxxxxxx or posted to xxxxxxxxxx by Friday 5th February 2021.

This is your opportunity to influence the Plan before submission to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, which will then publish the proposed Plan for a further six-week period of consultation to ensure the Plan is compliant with relevant policies and directives. Any responses to that consultation will be sent, together with the Plan, to an Independent Examiner who may then:

- pass the Plan
- refuse the Plan or
- require amendments to the Plan.

If passed, the final Plan will then return to the Parish for a Referendum. If a majority of those voting approve the Plan, it will then become part of a framework within which planning applications will be considered.