



Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council  
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## DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION 2018

Ready to Comment?

### **We make no apologies for pestering you again – this is important!**

We're nearly there; finishing touches are being made to the guidelines on how to "consult" on the Draft Local Plan. One thing is clear – the process is quite difficult and tedious. There are so many hurdles to jump over before one can get to the real reasons to comment. If one was suspicious, the thought that the input format was deliberately designed to be difficult, might have crossed one's mind. However, we have to live with what they have provided, however complex it might be. Don't let a few difficulties get in the way of our objective – preventing Pannal and Burn Bridge being turned into a concrete jungle when there are far more suitable alternatives for development available elsewhere. What has arisen from discussions with councillors, other villages and groups whose interests are concerned with preservation of our parish and rural environment, is that a two-pronged attack is probably the best way.

1. **It is critical that each individual eligible parishioner comments in their own name.** This need not be too time-consuming (other than jumping the initial hurdles) as comments regarding each site can be submitted using the guide that will be published on the parish council website after Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.
2. The parish council will provide a "collective response" covering a whole range of points which would be too extensive for an individual to mention. It will be of more significant impact if this response is supported by the residents. **To do this it requires the names and addresses of all those who give their permission to be included in the response.** We know a huge number of you have done this before during the first and additional sites "consultations" and nothing in the draft plan has changed materially since then. If you consent to our using the same names and addresses already given to us, then there is nothing more to do. If you have changed your mind and don't want your details to be used this time, then please email the parish clerk accordingly. Other groups will also provide collective responses.

We'll do the donkey work using the reports from our consultants and expert opinions for the collective response. However, to make our feelings really count, we encourage each of you to make your own comments on the portal. We found that downloading the "word" document from the HBC site if you want to use the hard copy to respond didn't work satisfactorily when we tested it. Maybe HBC

have changed this after we challenged them on this. So please prepare what you wish to write in separate documents and paste them into the appropriate place on the form and reply on-line. Remember there needs to be a separate input for each proposed site, i.e. PN17, PN18, PN19 and PN20. The reasons for objecting to each site will probably be different but there may be similarities with PN17 and PN19.

Optimum reasons for objection will be posted on the parish council website in the planning section. [www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk)

If you need more help, then please pop along to the Function Room at Pannal Village Hall from around 9.30am until 4pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

There will be several people there to help you. Please use the Pannal Bank entrance door as there will be other groups using the main hall. We'll also provide an aide memoire to which you may refer when you get home.

Finally, a thank you to all those who have helped with leaflet distribution, work on the guidelines to the response documents, collecting information, writing well-informed letters to us, liaising with the consultants and generally spreading the word. This is an example of everyone pulling together towards a common aim in real community spirit.

**Don't forget, the last day for your replies is Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March**

If you feel you can help out on our open day on 24th February - in any capacity - please let the parish clerk know - Andrew Macdonald ([parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk) or 07802 460789).

Also, you can join our Facebook group where you'll get any breaking news more quickly than through the periodic newsletters:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Pannal-and-Burn-Bridge-Parish-Council-1655335551445518/>

Best wishes,

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