



## Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council Newsletter No 7 - Special Revised Local Plan update edition August 2017

Revisions to the local plan – further update on our response.

Dear residents,

To those of you who attended the drop-in session about the Local Plan last Saturday, thank you for coming in and for all your constructive suggestions. Look at our website [http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/The\\_Local\\_Plan\\_15279.aspx](http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/The_Local_Plan_15279.aspx) and you'll see all the details on how to object to HBC's proposals as well as other sources of useful information about the proposals and reasons for objecting. We hope we were able to help with some of the extra information. We had all hands on deck to deal with Local Plan issues on Saturday but some other matters were raised which we'll cover at the end of this newsletter and concentrate for the moment of the immediate matter in hand – the Local Plan. So to summarise:

- If you could not come last Saturday, please come to the village Hall this Saturday between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm where we will be able to explain the proposals, outline what the implications are and provide advice on how best to comment.
- If you did come to the drop in session last Saturday, please go onto our website on the Local Plan page (link above) and look through the various documents and notes on how best to comment. Some of you have already commented – thanks.
- If you can't make the next drop in session then please remember to make your comments to HBC before 25<sup>th</sup> August.
- Making your comments. Nimbyism isn't a reason to object. You must provide sound principles of objection. You can use insufficient infrastructure, damage to flora, fauna and environment, total lack of transport policy, lack of investigation into existing brownfield and other sites, subjective rather than authenticated housing figures and the like – but try to ensure you have the source of the information you're using. Look on our site for material reasons to object.
- Spread the word. Not everyone gets this newsletter so please pass it on or check with your friends and neighbours that they've received theirs and understand the proposals. All the relevant information is on our **website**.
- We need to make sure that this activity is coordinated and are liaising with the other organisations protesting about the proposed developments. If that work isn't coordinated, we could well miss out on our objective of preventing further development. If you have uncovered reasons that could be used to justify our position, please do not keep it to yourselves; share it with the parish council. There are no prizes for who's done what in this campaign, only that the proposals for PN 17, 18, 19 and 20 should be scrapped.
- Lastly, if you did receive the leaflet put through your door last week (copy here: <http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Planning%20Response%20Leaflet.pdf>), please

return it to us by 11<sup>th</sup> August so we can collate residents' responses and complete our combined submission to HBC by 25<sup>th</sup> August.

If you do have any urgent questions not answered by checking our website, please email [parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk), and we'll try to help.

To other matters. We appreciate ALL concerns on parish matters but at the moment our efforts are focused on the Local Plan as we have been given so little time to respond. If you intend coming on Saturday, please concentrate your efforts on this critical issue and then everyone can then have the opportunity to react to these extreme proposals from HBC in the appropriate manner in the time allowed.

The Post Office. The parish council, along with our local borough and county councillors as well as our MP (and NYCC Highways) have been heavily involved in trying to secure the continuity of a post office in its current location. Patently, we cannot interfere in the relationship between owner and tenant but our lobbying has resulted in some positive assurances. We believe the onus is now on the tenant and landlord to execute the necessary actions to protect the post office but we are prepared to continue to help in facilitating this.

Allotments. One or two people asked why allotments were requested as well as Park and Stride but were unaware that these were as a result of research during preparation of the Community-led Plan. There was a superb response rate to the questionnaire sent to all houses for that survey, along with the establishment of an allotments organisation, and it's possible that although this is common knowledge for most, it may not be for those who have recently arrived in the parish.

Newsletters. There have been a couple of requests for constant newsletter updates on what the parish council is doing with respect to the Local Plan. We aim to advise periodically on the status of our activities but frequent reports would take time away from our flat-out work in challenging the borough council and representing our community. So it's highly unlikely there will be any more news updates until we finish our submission to HBC.

Meeting Minutes. The parish council minutes are the definitive record of what goes on and are public information and available on the website – in the “Agenda and Minutes” section. What is discussed and minuted at parish council meetings **is** open to the public, concerns only what is on the agenda at those meetings. If something is not reported there, it doesn't mean it isn't being or hasn't been dealt with!

Finally, back to the Local Plan. For the moment all other issues concerning the parish pale into insignificance when compared to this latest bombshell from HBC. Borough council officers are trained and paid to come up with sensible, sustainable plans for housing. We, whether concerned residents, protest groups or parish councillors, receive no remuneration whatsoever for combatting these latest eleventh-hour plans. It's a bit of an unfair fight so we must use everything at our disposal to work together to overturn HBC's proposals which are basically unsound. Please help us to save our parish from being swallowed up by Harrogate. We all chose to live in villages, not in the suburbs.

Please remember, do not hesitate to contact us via the parish clerk Andrew Macdonald ([parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk) or 07802 460789) if you have comments or suggestions on how to improve our parish. Also, don't forget that 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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