

SPOFFORTH WITH STOCKELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Topic Groups :- Issues to consider and investigate.

ISSUE	INVESTIGATE	BY WHO
Housing		
Key issues emerging from consultation day	New developments; affordability; character and design.	
Lead and core group members	TBC	
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Local Plan allocations and targets	HBC to help identify these issues and provide comments on their assumptions and views on development potential and constraints.	
SWOT analysis of the NP area in relation to the Topic Group.	Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats. How are these perceived by different people. Key constraints – eg flood zone.	
Land owners	To be identified and interviewed to ascertain their opinions and intentions. Better site assembly to improve design	
Demand	What if anything would people like to see provided. Locations? Dwelling type? Affordable - how many, type, tenure? Design quality including open space provision. What do estate agents and developers who are active in the area think?	
Supply	What do people feel is lacking? Locations and Dwelling type? Affordable - how many, type, tenure? Design quality including open space provision What do estate agents and developers who are active in the area think?	
The Conservation Area	Impact on design standards, supply, demand. Update of Character Appraisal document. Design standards in general - what do people like/dislike.	
Impact of new developments in proximity to the NP area	Impact on supply and demand plus infrastructure and services.	
Can infrastructure cope with quantity of new homes/population proposed.	What are the pressure points? What is the view of infrastructure providers?	
Public open space	Designated green space issue – how much, typology, location.	

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Business		
Key issue emerging from consultation day	Home-workers, small sustainable businesses, local businesses, farming, Stockeld Park, Higgs Road	
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Review of NP area businesses	Survey business about their views and aspirations for the NP. Who, what and where are they. Scale and diversity of activity Areas for growth/decline Stay and grow in the village or leave? Homeworkers	
Landowners	Interview Stockeld Park, Ridding Park, farmers to see their views on the topic	
Services	What is good, poor and missing eg high speed broadband	
How could the NP help business and employment?	Business requirements determined through survey	
Negative impacts of growth	Mitigation measures	
Employers and employees	Overall employment figures. Potential for growth/decline Seasonal changes Where do people live versus work - how local is the market?	
Is Spofforth becoming a commuter village/parish?	Good/bad/content.	
Do issues such as housing impact on business development.	What other issues impact - traffic, access to public transport, school	

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Traffic		
Key issues emerging from consultation day	Parking, street furniture, traffic calming, footpaths, highways, bus services, pollution	
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Traffic an issue or not?	People's views Views of HBC and NYCC View of businesses	
Recent traffic study	What does it all mean? Are people speeding to an actionable extent. Are junctions and sight lines meeting NYCC standards? Does the volume of traffic justify any action by the `Highways Authority - if so what?	
Parking for private houses	Are standards high enough given level of car ownership per household?	
Parking for businesses	Provided or not - adequate/ inadequate, in a location that people will actually use thus avoiding negative impact elsewhere.	
Parking for school, village hall, cricket club and any other sizeable venue.	Provided or not - adequate/ inadequate, in a location that people will actually use thus avoiding negative impact elsewhere.	
Parking an issue or not	Peoples views Views of HBC and NYCC	
By pass	History of...& current situation. What could trigger a change in circumstances? Good thing or not - who would support it HBC/NYCC views	
Infrastructure improvements in conjunction with new development.	Is anything planned. What would trigger a change in circumstances? Impact of new development outside NP area - such as large scale housing developments putting significantly more traffic onto roads - what is significant??	

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Heritage		
Key issues emerging from consultation day	Conservation Area - character, Castle, Stockeld Park, designated and non designated local heritage assets (Introductory section of NDP)	
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Conservation Area Character appraisal.	Is it still relevant, fit for purpose, best practice, does it need updating – what parts need to be exported to the NDP.	
Locations and structures at risk or non designated	The 'Field', interesting old buildings, old boundary walls (such as opposite church etc)	
Incorporating useable public open space	Important issue given pressure for new housing development.	
What standards should be demanded for any new development re character/design	"Best features" of the Conservation Area, vernacular design, density, layout etc.	
Historic England and the maintenance of the Castle/Fields	Historic England perspective on development in and around the parish with a particular view about the Scheduled Ancient Monument	
The church and immediate environs	Importance?	
Townscape	Signage, street furniture, landscaping, trees	

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Environment		
Key issues emerging from consultation day	Local Green Spaces, rural environment, bio-diversity, litter & waste, flooding & drainage, topography/geology, local nature areas, public rights of way, cycle paths.	
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Designated/non designated green space.	Parish Council wish list - reactivate with NP in conjunction with any new development. Deals with landowners?	
Important habitats within the built environment and in the surrounding farmland	Identify locations, habitats, species, protections	
The impact of new development	Could be positive or negative. What should be looked for as 'planning gain'?	
Spofforth in Bloom	Green spaces for protection	
Public Rights of Way (PROWs) – access, linkages	Definitive map, comparative distances of each type, where are they unlinked. Sustrans route through parish. -links with neighbouring parishes.	
Renewable energy potential	Links to new homes, solar, wind, water – where, how?	
Flooding/drainage	Where is affected? EA flood zones vs local knowledge	
Farmland surrounds the village	Environmental enhancement and protection - seek farmers views	

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Community		
Key issues emerging from consultation day	Village society, cricket club, in Bloom, Youth Club, snooker, WI, Ginny Greenholes, School, Doctors, Village Hall, shop, pubs, church, community safety, post office	
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Spofforth designated a Primary Service Centre	Audit of key services and facilities – quality, sustainability.	
The school	At capacity - what to do? What do NYCC think - their Business Plan? Options long term given pressure for more houses	
Cricket club	Opportunities for new sports alongside cricket? Well used? Sustainable? Expanding? Youth provision?	
Village hall	Fit for purpose? Future use and investment? Parking	
WI and numerous other community groups	All to be interviewed on issues arising and for their views on the NP. What would enhance their service?	
The public houses and shops	Vital role in providing a service to both local people and passing trade. Makes the village more than just a series of houses - sustainable and viable? Outside pressures?	
New services, facilities or activities?	What have we lost that could return/be resurrected? Gala?	
Bus service	Frequency, utilisation, sustainability?	
Doctors	Good enough now? Sustainable? Additional services?	
Play areas	Forma/informal recreational areas and opportunities to improve	