



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DAY

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2018

10.00am - 3.00pm

presentations at 10.30 am and 1.30pm

with opportunities to express your views and offer your support!

Our community - Our Plan - Our future.

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*To get a broad view from the whole village we ask that each member of your household completes the questionnaire.
If you need further copies they are available from our distribution points listed.*

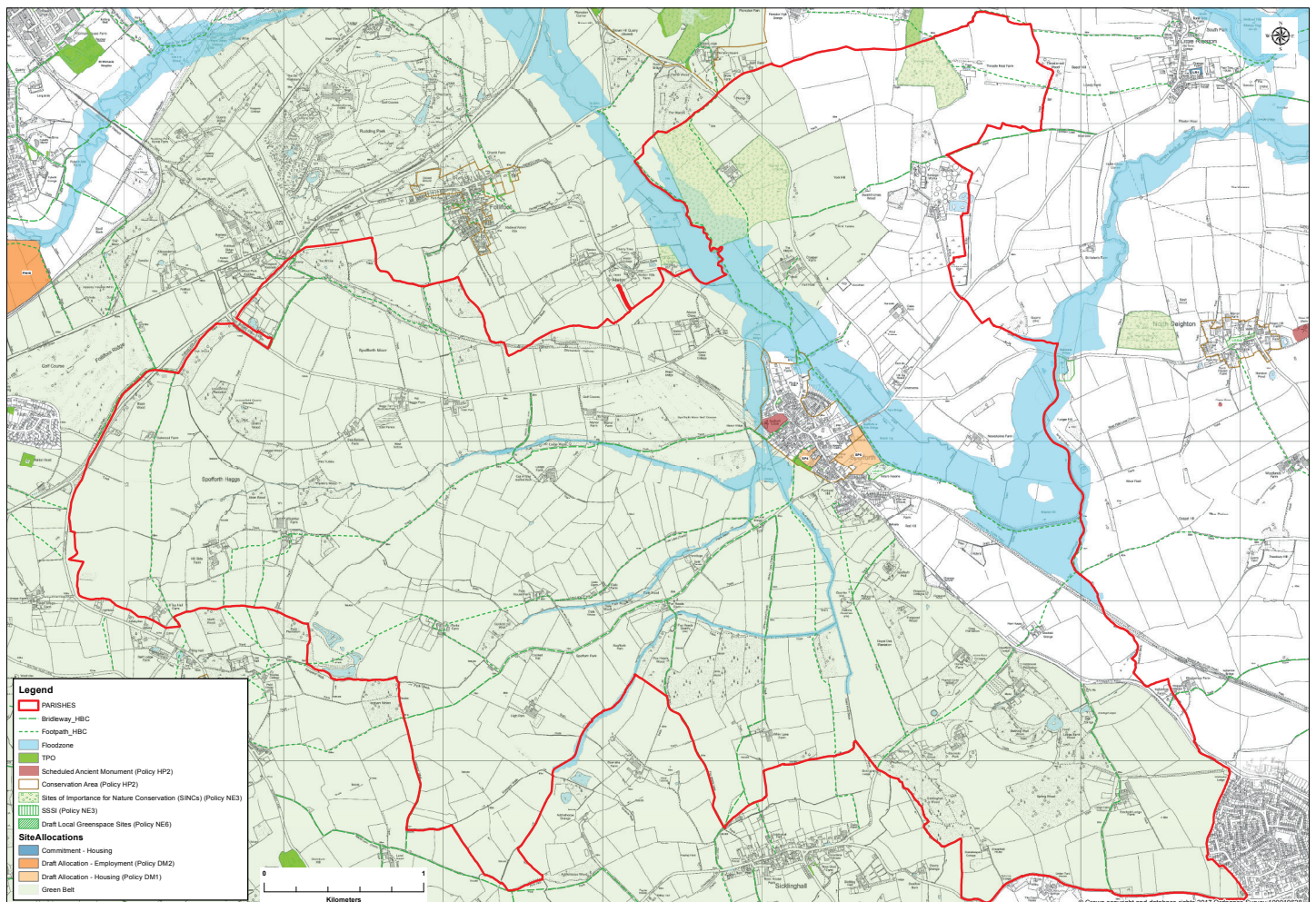
Your Parish Council is excited to confirm that we are now beginning work on our Neighbourhood Development Plan, and to do so we are looking for your active support. The powers afforded to us through the creation of this plan cannot be underestimated. This legislation, underpinned by Act of Parliament, allows us to directly influence what developments we wish to see in our local area in the coming years, from housing development, to business creation, to new infrastructure for our community.

Not only that, but the law states that once we as a local community give consent to the plan through a referendum, we stand to benefit from 25 per cent of the revenues from levies raised from new developments in our area. Financially, therefore, this is a huge opportunity.

We know that the Government is committed to significant new house building in the coming years to meet the national housing shortage. The local authority in Harrogate are developing their own proposals in this respect. Without our own Neighbourhood Plan, we will have no influence as a community over where these developments take place. But if we are proactive in delivering our own vision through the Plan, we can directly shape these developments with the law dictating that future planning applications must be made using not only Harrogate Council's Local Plan, but also our own Neighbourhood Development Plan here in Spofforth-with-Stockeld.

In addition, the Plan will include our aspirations which will not necessarily have the same legal standing but are valuable in expressing the community's wider concerns. Ultimately the Plan will help to direct future resources and galvanise potentially exciting community projects.

Our application to start the Plan was approved by Harrogate Borough Council in January. That application set out broad areas that the Parish Council considered to be important for the future sustainability of our community. The proposed plan can consider a wide range of planning topics including housing and development, business and employment, community infrastructure, heritage, traffic, and environment.



These topics are simply suggestions at this early stage and your views are invaluable to ensure that the Plan is shaped in a way that reflects your opinions, concerns and priorities. You can help us by sharing your thoughts of what you would like to see included. What are your concerns, what do you see as opportunities, and what would you like to see develop that will help improve our community?

1. What areas of interest do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should consider?

2. What is good about the area?

3. What is bad about the area?

4. What makes the neighbourhood good to live and work in?

5. What pressures affect the community?

6. What needs to change?

7. What else should be included?

Now tell us about you - how can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to give valuable input into the types of interests, issues and concerns that are raised by the Community - so would you like to get involved in the Plan? Which topics interest you - name them all please so we have lots of choice?

A Plan like this will need lots of different skills so if you can help with secretarial work, IT, social media, spreadsheets or if you can help with the footwork of gathering information - just let us know below.

Whether or not you can get involved now as a volunteer, we'd like to keep you informed on progress by email in the future. Please be aware that your contact details will only be used to keep you informed of progress and for future consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please return this completed form to one of five collection points - Londis Shop, Church, Hairdressers, Railway Inn and Castle Inn. Many thanks to them for helping us collect the responses. Alternatively you can and bring it with you on Saturday 7th April.

I would be interested in:

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I can help with.....

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I'd like to stay in touch please:

Name.....

Address.....

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..... Postcode

Tel Email

Communicating with people like you, as residents and stakeholders in our Parish, is absolutely vital. In May, new data rules are being introduced which mean we need to contact everyone on our email database and check we can carry on staying in touch about the project. ☐ Yes, keep emailing me.