

# Glaphorn Neighbourhood Planning Group

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## REPORT TO GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL ON 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018

### Neighbourhood Plan – Final Stages

1. As the Parish Council will be aware, the Neighbourhood Plan was subject to Regulation 16 Consultations followed by independent examination.
2. The Independent Examiner's Report was issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 and has been considered by the Glaphorn Neighbourhood Planning Group and amendments required to the Plan have been incorporated. The only changes permissible at this stage are those necessary to make the Plan consistent with the proposals of the Examiner. The revised Plan has been shared with East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) and the changes have been informally agreed.
3. A copy of the Neighbourhood Plan is now available on the Parish Council web site together with a "marked copy" highlighting the primary changes to the Regulation 16 version. This substantially completes the work of the Neighbourhood Planning Group as the next steps are:
  - acceptance of the Plan by the Parish Council and formal submission to ENC
  - resolution by ENC to hold a referendum and publication of appropriate notices
  - holding of a referendum which has been provisionally arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> July.
4. A leaflet explaining the Independent Examiner's report has been circulated and it is intended that the Plan will be printed and a copy given to every household in the Parish next month. A further leaflet encouraging participation in the referendum and explaining the key issues will be circulated prior to the referendum. The content of all material relevant to the referendum must accord with the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Regulations 2012 and the Local Authority Code of Practice on Publicity.

A Public Forum / Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June to present the Plan to residents of Glaphorn and explain the significance of the Referendum for the future of the Parish.

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5. One section of the Neighbourhood Plan worth drawing to the attention of the Parish Council is Section 11, namely:

### **11. Monitoring the Plan**

11.1 *The Parish Council will monitor the Plan by:*

- *considering conformity to Plan policies of all relevant planning applications, and as a statutory consultee, make representations as necessary to the development control authority (East Northamptonshire Council)*
- *receive annual reports on the implementation of the Plan and consider what actions if any are required.*

11.2 *It is expected that a thorough review of the GNP will be appropriate mid-way through the Plan period. This is likely to be necessary in the context of considering:*

- *the implications if any of the emerging Local Plan Part 2 of East Northamptonshire*
- *the significant development proposed for Tresham Garden Village (formerly Deenethorpe Garden Village) with its implications for housing development and resultant traffic through Glapthorn*
- *any issues arising from adoption of Neighbourhood Plans of adjacent parishes particularly Oundle*
- *development occurring within the Parish at a rate which is considered excessive and beyond the capacity of Glapthorn to absorb change.*

6. Finally, It is interesting to note the status of the Plan prior to referendum and post referendum (if supported). The following are direct quotes from the Independent Examiner's Report :

*Once a neighbourhood plan has been independently examined, and the decision taken to put the plan to a referendum, it must be taken into account when determining a planning application, in so far as the policies in the plan are material to the application.*

*Should the Neighbourhood Plan proceed to local referendum and achieve more than half of votes cast in favour, then the Neighbourhood Plan will be 'made' by East Northamptonshire Council. If 'made' the Neighbourhood Plan will come into force as part of the Development Plan for the neighbourhood area, and subsequently be used in the determination of planning applications and decisions on planning appeals in the plan area. The Housing and Planning Act requires any conflict with a neighbourhood plan to be set out in the committee report, that will inform any planning committee decision, where that report recommends granting planning permission for development that conflicts with a made neighbourhood plan. The Framework is very clear that where a planning application conflicts with a neighbourhood plan that has been brought into force, planning permission should not normally be granted.*

## **7. Recommendation**

The Glapthorn Neighbourhood Planning Group recommends that the revised Neighbourhood Plan (Version 2 May 2018) be accepted by the Parish Council and forwarded to East Northamptonshire Council with a view to proceeding to Referendum on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

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