



APPENDIX B

Linton Village Society

Dear Resident

25th May 2012

It is now just over a month since our village meeting on 17th April when it was agreed that Linton should prepare their own Neighbourhood Plan (NP). On 20th April Collingham with Linton Parish Council formally registered this with Leeds City Council on our behalf.

On 10th May, we held a further meeting for all volunteers and other residents who had shown interest in helping prepare the Linton NP. As discussed at that meeting, the Linton Village Society (LVS) are extremely concerned about the timescale in which the village has to produce an emerging NP, as we are advised that this needs to be in place by end August 2012 when Leeds Planning will begin the Site Allocation process for future housing development. This will be a considerable challenge particularly as we will soon be entering the traditional summer holiday period.

From the interest shown at the above meetings and the completed volunteer forms, the LVS have now been able to form a small Drafting Committee to start planning and preparing for a Linton NP. The members of this group are Jill Bolton (Chairman), Julian Holmes – Collingham Parish Council (Deputy Chairman), Mike Bates, Patrick Kirk, Roger Limbert, Ken Morton, Amanda Pickavance and Irving Weaver. You will find overleaf a short description of their skills and experience.

The LVS have also arranged monthly Strategy Group meetings **for all villagers who would like to assist in planning and preparing the Linton NP**, together with those volunteers who have already indicated their interest. At these meetings, the Drafting Committee will present their ideas and proposals for each stage of the NP development. **The Strategy Group meetings are extremely important as this gives the village a full opportunity for open discussion and consultation and to agree the Drafting Committee's proposals. When the Strategy Group has finally produced an outline draft NP, this will be communicated to all Linton residents and relevant stakeholders for full consultation.**

The Strategy Group meetings will be held at the Linton Village Hall at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of every month as follows: **7th June; 5th July; 2nd August; 6th September; 4th October; 1st November; 6th December.** If you would like to be part of the Strategy Group, please make a note in your diary of these dates.

At the first meeting on 7th June, the Strategy Group will need to appoint a Chairman and Deputy Chairman to head up the Strategy Group. The LVS propose that Jill Bolton be appointed as Chairman and Julian Holmes as Deputy Chairman to ensure continuity and coherence between the Drafting Committee and Strategy Group. However, if you would like to put forward another nomination for either or both positions, please could you send an email to Tony Riall (email: riall@btinternet.com) before Monday, 4th June.

On 7th June, the Drafting Committee will be presenting in draft format for discussion and approval: Terms of Reference for both the Drafting Committee and the Strategy Group; the Guiding Principles for preparing a Linton NP; an outline Project Plan, and a Communications Plan.

Since the 10th May, the Drafting Committee has begun developing a new but basic website for the village, and they hope to have this in place by mid June. This is critical in communicating to all residents, and other interested parties, and keeping everyone updated as the NP develops. All minutes, relevant documents, etc will be loaded onto this website and there will be also a facility to leave your own comments on the emerging NP. We will of course let you know as soon as the Linton village website is up and running.

Apart from the website, the other forms of communication that we will be using will be email, press notices, village hall notices, inserts in the Parish Magazine and of course door drops when necessary. Communication and consultation are key elements in developing our NP, and if you wish to be kept informed by email of the progress of the Linton NP, **please can you register your email address with both Tony Riall (email address above) and Jill Bolton (jill.mannix@btinternet.com).**

In the meantime, if you have any queries or comments, please contact any member of the LVS Committee or Drafting Committee listed below. As a village we have a lot of hard work to get through over the next three months, and we hope that as many Linton residents as possible will be involved in preparing our NP, but we hope that it will encourage a stronger community spirit.

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Geoff Wilkinson (Chairman) – geoff.wilkinson25@btinternet.com
Tony Riall (Treasurer) – riall@btinternet.com
Jill Bolton – jill.mannix@btinternet.com
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Irving Weaver – riweaver@strata.co.uk

Linton NP Drafting Committee

All members of the Linton NP Drafting Committee have signed a declaration that they have no commercial or material interest in any land or property in Linton.

Jill Bolton (Chairman)

Jill has lived in Linton for 15 years and was formerly MD of a major national paper distribution company, having spent many years in sales and marketing in the paper industry. Jill has experience in mergers, acquisitions, strategic planning, team building as well as setting up new start up companies. She is now almost retired and has been a member of the Linton Village Society committee since 2011.

Email: jill.mannix@btinternet.com

Julian Holmes (Deputy Chairman)

Julian has lived in Collingham for approaching 6 years and has been a member of the Collingham with Linton Parish Council for 18 months. He has taken the Parish Lead in Neighbourhood Planning, and also leads the Footpath Action Group. He is a Chartered Civil Engineer, and a Director of a number of small property businesses. In addition to Linton, Julian does not have any material interest in any land or property in Collingham.

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Mike Bates

Mike is Managing Director of BJSS. BJSS is an IT Consultancy and Software House of 300 people with offices in London and Leeds. Mike has a background in software engineering, Technical Architecture and Project Management. Mike has lived in Linton since August 2011.

Roger Limbert

Roger has lived in Linton since 1984 and is now retired. He qualified as a solicitor in 1971 & was a senior litigation partner in Walker Morris, solicitors, Leeds LS1 2HL, primarily acting for banks & building societies in complex lending, compliance & risk management issues. Planning issues did arise in acting for these lenders.

Patrick Kirk

Patrick started work in Leeds as a teacher in 1974 after graduating and has had many roles, mainly in education. Patrick worked in an advisory role within the Education Department of Leeds City Council, as an Ofsted Inspector, as advisor to regional and national government organisations and currently as a consultant specialising in education and ICT to a major UK company. Patrick has lived in Linton since 1997.

Kenneth Morton

Ken is a Chartered Surveyor, now semi-retired, and has a broad experience of property matters /town planning, garnered through many years as Director of a Leeds based commercial property development company. Prior to this he was a partner in a leading firm of Leeds surveyors. He has been resident in the village for 6 years.

Angela Pickavance

Amanda runs an HR and Project Management Consultancy and prior to this held a number of international corporate HR Director roles. Amanda is married with 2 young children and has lived in Linton for 8 years.

Irving Weaver

Irving has over 40 years' experience in construction and residential development. As MD and Chairman he has had particular experience in identifying and assembling strategic land. Irving has lived in Linton for 2 years. Irving joined the Linton Village Society committee in May this year.

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