

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan – Report to Stuston Parish January 2020

As one of the two representatives from Stuston on the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, my report to the Parish meeting is as follows: -

Under the (independent) chairmanship of David Burn, we continue to make progress in delivering a neighborhood plan, although some changes have been forced upon us due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan is almost unique in the UK as not only does it cover two county councils, two district councils and a regional plan (greater Norwich) as well as seven parishes for accommodation, communication and transport as well as health and social services in addition to retail outlets etc.

It is accepted that as Diss is the largest “catchment” within the Neighbourhood planning area, it becomes the “lead” in all matters pertaining to the Neighbourhood plan. As such, the councilors from Diss have been very active in support of this plan and its delivery, as indeed have the councilors from Scole and Roydon, all of which will be asked to take on any delivery of facilities and services within this planning horizon.

We have at last appointed a firm of professional planning engineers to formulate our (collective) responses and requirements in the Neighbourhood Plan which will run for the next 15 years.

Grant aid (£9,000) has been received which will cover this predicted expenditure.

Following public consultations carried out over the last year or so, the Steering Group has taken on board the comments and seeks to implement these into the program mentioned above, with transport and communications high on our agenda.

I am delighted to say that whilst Diss is required to deliver sites for 300 dwellings over the next 15 years, as Stuston has been defined as a “hinterland” village, there are no new dwellings proposed over that time.

If you have any questions or require more details, please contact either Roger or me through the usual channels.

Steve Leigh
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