

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE



First of all, a great big thanks to everybody that has stopped by our stand at the various events that we attended in recent months. Your comments and observations really do help us to understand the key issues that are of concern to the people in our communities. We are making steady progress along our timetable; it is vital that we do not rush as the quality of the plan will be subject to external scrutiny by an independent inspector as well as you the general public.

We have started our contract with our 2 support organisations; Open Plan who will help us generate a **Neighbourhood Profile** and Community Lincs who will lead us through a **Household Survey**.

The **Neighbourhood Profile** is the introductory section of the Neighbourhood Plan and sets the scene for the rest of the evidence gathering and policy recommendations. We will be gathering the evidence for this section by conducting a series of walkabouts (or driveabouts if inclement) around our local area. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to come along, the more the merrier, so if you would like to join us we would be delighted to see you, please email us at SturtonandStowPlan@btinternet.com. It will probably only take us a couple of hours and we will advertise further details of where and when early next year.

Our immediate activity, however, is the **Household Survey**. You should have received a copy with this edition of the newsletter, if not please phone 07833023468 and leave your name and address and we will arrange for one to be delivered. The aim of the survey is capture the aspirations (and fears) of the members of our local communities with regard to their development over the next 20 years. For example, are the right kinds of houses being built or are the right kind of recreation facilities being provided and many more? This will be your chance to express your opinions in a meaningful fashion and shape the development of our villages and rural communities. From the evidence gathered the Neighbourhood Planning Group supported by Community Lincs will be able to start drafting policies that will eventually form the backbone of our Neighbourhood Plan. Our timetable of events is:

Key Date	Activity
18 January	Questionnaire Ready
21 January	Questionnaire Distribution starts
5 February	Deadline for completion
5-22 February	Analysis
7 March	Results to Planning Group
14/15 March	Public Presentation

Drop off points for completed questionnaires are listed in the survey forms along with instructions of how to complete your response on-line via Survey Monkey. However, should either of these methods not be suitable please telephone our contact number, 07833023468, leaving your name and address and we will arrange for it to be collected.

Finally, we will also be canvassing the local business community and the younger generations separately via the Sturton By Stow Youth Club and the primary school in order to engage all age groups.

