

Facebook Comments

GBPC posted the Reg 14 Notice to advertise the consultation event was about to start, and where to find information. Redacted posts are reproduced below

Great Barford Parish Council

13 December 2020

Visit <https://greatbarford.org.uk/draft-neighbourhood-plan-an-in.../> for more information





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Great Barford Neighbourhood Plan
Approved for use by 13/12/2020

12 comments 2 shares

[REDACTED] I think it all sounds very positive with lots of proposed improvements and facilities to the village and its surrounding wildlife. ☐
8w

[REDACTED] Does great barford really need 500 more houses built. The village is being spoilt by all the new estates going up. ☐
8w

[REDACTED], know how you feel Blunham doubled in size and still growing
8w

[REDACTED] government decision, not local. People need to stop electing the same party..!
8w

[REDACTED] Is there any information on the intent for the land at the entrance to Hare Meadow? I understood it could be used for a new medical centre, but I think the time has run out, or is running out, so I assume it'll soon be houses?
8w

Author

[REDACTED] We understand that the option period is still running. No further updates on what will happen with the land as yet.
8w

[REDACTED] Links seem to be broken... can't view the details just the intro page
8w

[REDACTED] Will do!
8w

Author

[REDACTED] We have had several people double check links on different devices and they are all working. Do you have another device you could try?
8w

[REDACTED] And that's exactly why I moved out of the village! Not a village anymore!!
8w

[REDACTED]
8w

[REDACTED]

Post Promoter Leaflet Drop

The leaflet drop was a promoter initiative, but due to the content and inclusion of “response form”, GBPC was aware of concern that some residents may think the promoter’s leaflet drop was endorsed by the Parish Council.

GBPC issued the official Facebook post below:

Great Barford Parish Council

14 January at 08:55

We understand that information is being circulated by developers regarding the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Great Barford.

All of the original background supporting documents used to inform the Draft Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Parish Council website at:

<https://greatbarford.org.uk/draft-neighbourhood-plan-suppo.../>

These documents include the full AECOM Site Assessment reports and the Site Allocation Report – a report which details the decision making process for the final site selection in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

A Committee of Great Barford residents has put an immense amount of work and effort into producing the Draft Neighbourhood Plan; with expert advice, assessments and reports provided by relevant professionals and organisations. Please take some time to read the Draft Plan and please make your views known. This is the opportunity for Great Barford residents to shape the development of the village.

The consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is open until the 01st February and comments can be submitted online. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan, the link to the response form and a FAQ section can all be found at

<https://greatbarford.org.uk/draft-neighbourhood-plan-pre-su...>

If you have any issues with accessing the information, please contact the Parish Clerks at clerk@greatbarford.org.uk The documents can be slow to open on occasion - please keep trying.



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16 comments

3 shares

██████████ I don't ever recall a time that councillors listened to the village residents. If THEY think a 500 house development needs to go in our village, then that's what will happen. If it puts more £'s into the Parish Councils coffers, then they will agree with the councils decision and it WILL go ahead, despite any of Joe Public's views.

4w

██████████ Might it be helpful if the parish council could arrange a zoom meeting to discuss? Ive read the plan and it was really useful and interesting. Its obviously taken a lot of time an resources to complete it. I would appose any new builds, as someone has already pointed out there have been a number of new sites in GB recently. Are we being asked to choose one of the 3 sites?

4w Edited

██████████ I'm not part of the Neighbourhood Plan team, but yes the single site "Great Barford West" is the site that is currently being consulted on. Apparently (and there are background papers on the NP site, ive not read them all, but assume there is evidence) that this site was "the most popular" in the previous consultations. Personally I will give the NP team some comments about the policy, because I fear there are missed opportunities to require certain things (eg bungalows, really super integrated public open space) and saying things like "considerations of..." or "a generous number of" is pretty meaningless in planning terms... But that's just detail. I will pipe up and push for whatever site(s) that do get allocated properly integrated into the village/deliver funding (gains) for the village, and that can only be done with decent links and shared community facilities.

4w

██████████ i absolutely agree. So is the site the one which has been put forward the west option?

4w Edited

██████████ the Neighbourhood Plan team have put forward a proposal that they believe is the preferred option based on previous consultations. The bottom line is that if Barford doesn't agree a NP, demonstrating where the 500 will go, then Bedford Borough Council will at some point just start approving developments (as an when they come in providing they are deemed acceptable in planning terms/sustainable) until 500 houses are built. There is no point in opposing the principle of 500 houses, this number comes strategically from the adopted Beds Borough Local Plan, and the GB number is worked out as part of a total number that BB needs to deliver within their plan period. If you do not like the proposed housing site then it's worth engaging with the NP process, to say where would be better ☐

4w

██████████ According to the 2011 census Great Barford had 881 dwellings, 2003 population, so 2.27 people per household. Since then another 64 'site' homes have been constructed. So working on the average above that will take the population to somewhere near 2150. Another 500 homes, wherever they are located will be approximately another 1280, so a total population of 3430. So here's the main prognosis, what you are actually doing, not so subtlety is allowing Barford to be turned into a town without the infrastructure to cope. Not only that we will be increasing in both population and 'dwelling density' by over 40% catapulting us from Bedfordshire 38th most populated settlement to 21st, just short of Clapham and towns like Pottton and Arlesey. These are the facts that I suggest are looked at. Not green areas we can squeeze 500 dwellings into.

4w

██████████ Are they truly pushing the alternative view or a land agent worried that they will get stuck with that patch of ground off Roxton Road that won't make them money?

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████████████████████ it is a really interesting read

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████████████████████ the letter that came through the door doesn't exactly paint an impartial picture...feels like it may well be motivated by some other not so noble aims ☐

4w

████████████████████ The Village Plan document is a very interesting read to understand all about the history of the village and it's development over the years. All should add their views based on the facts as they see them and what they perceive to be the best option. With my crystal ball out I will give a prediction ... not everyone will agree with the result. If you abdicated your chance to reply you have no-one to blame if it is not what you would have liked.

4w

██████████ The way the housing market will be affected by the pandemic i can't see it happening

4w

██████████ Not happy reading it as I understand a 9 year disruption to the village

4w

████████████████████ totally against it

Moved here 11 years ago because me and the wife wanted to move to a nice village it will be awful if it goes ahead it will be a town

4w

████████████████████ that's only Lone Star Lands spin on it - massively biased document seeking to sway people towards voting for the development on the land they "control" with very little to back up their proposals of pockets of development. Their registered office is also Henley in Arden. Hardly local developers building for local people

4w

████████████████████ Someone's cashing in

4w

████████████████████ or trying...

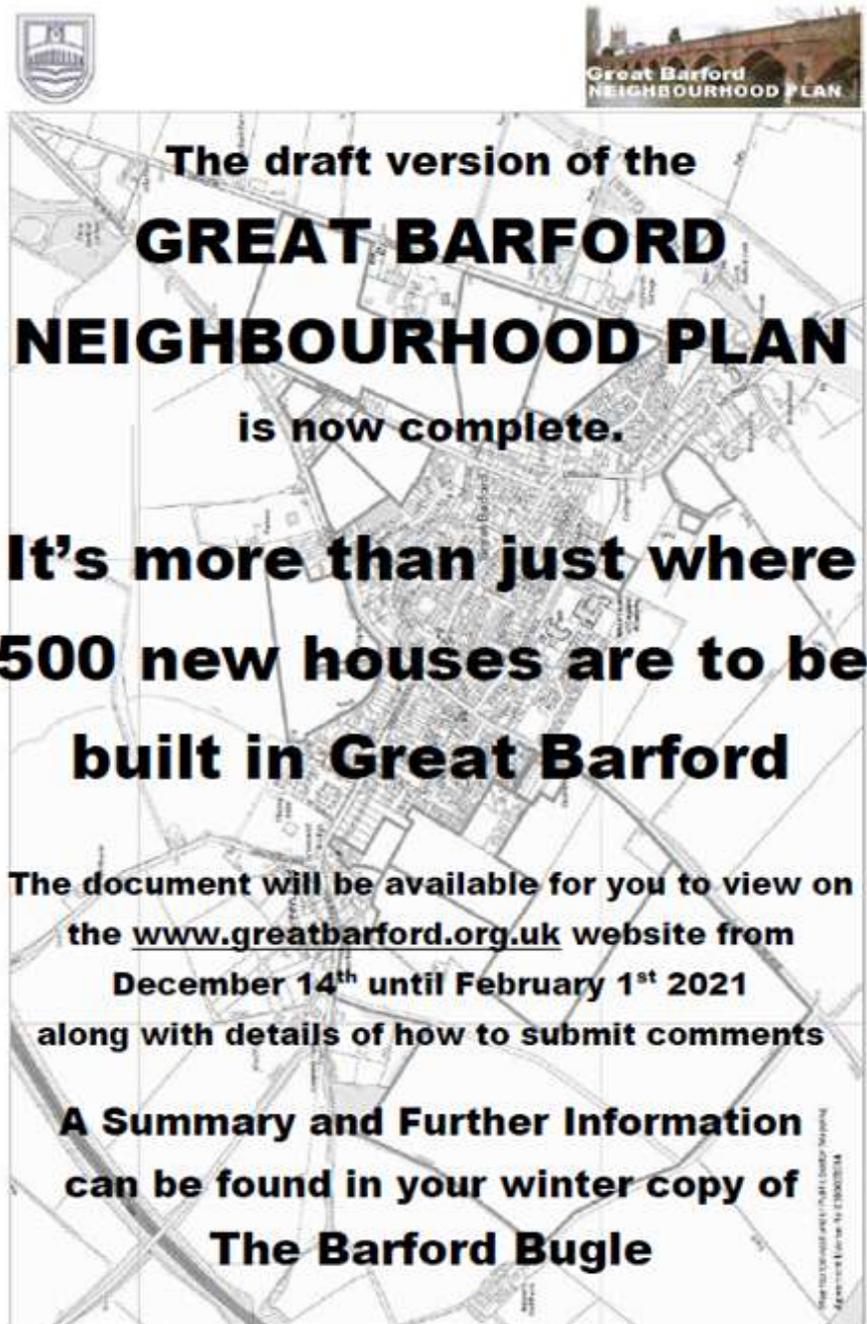
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Event Reminder

GBPC reposted the Reg 14 Notice as a reminder the consultation period would soon close.

[Great Barford Parish Council](#)

29 January at 05:10





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5 comments

██████████ Hi, I commented yesterday (using the online form) and it said "a copy will be sent to the email address provided" but I haven't got a copy... I don't care about having a copy but just wanted to be sure it had been received and that the consultation was working correctly.
1w Edited

Author

██████████ Thank you for letting us know
1w

██████████ I commented again just in case and I then received an email confirming, so I will say it was user error
1w

Author

██████████ Hi ██████████, could you send us a message?
1w

██████████ Thanks for the reminder!
1w