**Neighbourhood Plan**

**Designation Application**

**Cuckney, Holbeck and Welbeck Parish Councils and Norton Parish Meeting**

**30 September 2013**

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Cuckney, Holbeck and Welbeck Parish Councils and the Norton Parish Meeting hereby submit an application to Bassetlaw District Council to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parishes of Cuckney, Holbeck, Welbeck and Norton.

A meeting was held on 8 July 2013 and attended by 40 Local Residents. There was strong support at this meeting for developing a neighbourhood plan.

**Boundary**

The boundary of Cuckney, Holbeck, Welbeck and Norton Neighbourhood Plan is shown on the attached map and uses the parish boundaries.

**Qualifying Body**

The Parish Council of Cuckney is the qualifying body to carry out the Neighbourhood Plan. A Steering Group has been established to support the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and will report into the Parish Councils. The Welbeck Estate is also supporting the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and will be represented on the Steering Group but will not have a vote.

**Scope**

The Parish Councils consider that it is advantageous for the residents of Cuckney, Holbeck, Welbeck and Norton to undergo the procedure of developing a neighbourhood plan and engaging local people and using local skills and knowledge to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the future development of the area. They are also committed to ensuring that the Neighbourhood Plan can be largely supported by the wider community. The issues to address that are detailed below have been identified by the Parish Councils and the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group; they will require further testing with the wider community and as a result may change.

**Issues to address**

* To identify the most appropriate level of development (above and beyond that of the Core Strategy) for the local area.
* To identify the appropriate mix and tenure of future housing development to encourage a more balanced community. The Core Strategy only identifies the need for 11 new houses in Cuckney over the next 16 years but the Parish Council’s wish to explore with the community, as to whether this is sufficient to meet local needs and create the sustainable community they desire.
* To identify the location for small workshop units for appropriate local employment uses
* To identify how to protect the rural nature of the area, whilst supporting and developing future housing and employment growth

**Consultation**

Local residents and businesses will be consulted throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. This will consist of:

* Continuous awareness raising of the plans development and progress
* Early consultation on the issues and ideas to take forward
* Consultation on draft vision, objectives and policies in advance of submitting the draft plan to the Council

A range of methods will be used for communicating and consulting with local residents and businesses. These also recognise and make use of existing formats and networks. It is envisaged that the following will be used:

* Public notices on the 5 public notice boards
* Parish newsletters – delivered to every home??
* Facebook page and Twitter
* Utilising meetings of existing local groups and organisations
* Door knocking
* All parish meetings will have a slot in every meeting to address Neighbourhood Planning issues
* Create a website relating to the Neighbourhood Plan

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