

Ravensden Parish Neighbourhood Plan



STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLAN (REGULATION 14)

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION AND GUIDANCE

Last September, the Steering Group put forward draft ideas including small scale housing on two sites in Ravensden Parish; the designation of a number of potential Local Green Spaces; Design Codes; protecting and enhancing local community and employment facilities; and measures to improve connectivity between different parts of the Parish. All these ideas received very significant support from residents, so we have drawn them together into policies and proposals in a draft Neighbourhood Plan for the whole of the Parish. We are now required to formally consult on this draft Plan with everyone with an interest in Ravensden – residents, landowners, businesses, local organisations and official bodies. This is a very important stage, so we do encourage you to have your say.

This survey form gives a summary of each of the proposed policies in the Ravensden Neighbourhood Plan (RNP). There are 11 policies in total (RNP 1-11). In due course, these policies will be used alongside the Borough Local Plan when future planning applications are considered in the Parish. Please tell us your views on these draft policies, indicating the option you wish to choose. You do not need to answer all the questions. To see the full version of the draft Plan (including the Policies Map and Insets), the detail of each of the policies, or the new Design Codes, or to get more background information to help you answer, please go to <https://ravensdenplan.info>.

You may add comments in the spaces on this form or add extra pages if you wish.

We are encouraging **a return from every resident** via the survey link on the Neighbourhood Plan website <https://ravensdenplan.info>. Alternatively you can fill in a hard copy (with extra pages if needed) and either email it back to contact@ravensdenplan.info or take it to **Lavender House, Oldways Road** (near the Corner Shop - the letterbox is by the front gate).

The consultation period is 6 weeks, so the **deadline** for receiving your responses is **Monday 4th April 2022**.

The regulations require the Steering Group to publish a Consultation Report which will look at every comment received at this stage, and we will consider whether any further changes are needed to the Plan. The draft Plan will then be sent off to the Borough Council (the planning authority) for checking, further consultation, an independent examination, and then a local referendum before it can come into effect.

Thank you for completing this survey. This will be your Plan for your Parish so we do encourage you to continue to have your say.

Steve Arnold, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
February 2022



First of all, what is your connection with Ravensden? (required)

- Resident
- Landowner (other than home owner)
- Business owner
- Local organisation
- Other

Policy RNP1: Cleat Hill/Mowsbury Special Policy Area

Within the area shown on the Policies Map Inset for Cleat Hill/Mowsbury, there are detailed requirements for the siting, design and landscaping of new development to protect and enhance local character.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

Policy RNP2: Ravensden Park and Country Park Extension

The Plan sets out guidelines for future planning applications for this new housing development area and the extension to the country park, and to ensure integration of the site into the wider area.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

Policy RNP3: Land adjoining Willow Farm, Butler Street

As shown on the Policies Map Inset for Ravensden Crossroads, this site is proposed for 10-15 new dwellings. The policy requires the developer to show how local needs are to be accommodated, and contains detailed site-specific requirements for the site.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

Policy RNP4: Barns next to Cleat Hill Farm

As shown on the Policies Map Inset for Cleat Hill/Mowsbury, this proposal is for the sensitive conversion of these barns to residential use. The Plan sets out detailed requirements, including the need for a new vehicle

access away from the Listed farmhouse; measures to ensure there is a landscape buffer around the site; restrictions aimed at minimising visual impacts; and the need to protect the historical importance of the wider site.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

Policy RNP5: Development Design and Sustainability Principles

This policy contains detailed measures to encourage all planning applications to follow best practice in design and sustainability (including energy efficiency), and to take the Ravensden Design Codes into account.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

Policy RNP6: Local Greenspace

This policy designates the following sites as Local Green Space as shown on the Policies Map and Insets, and gives them extra protection from development:

Charity Field; All Saints Churchyard; Green Lane (between the seasonal gates); Northfields woodland; and Mowsbury Hill Fort, orchard and meadow. (Note: the School playing field is already designated as Local Green Space in the Borough Local Plan 2030).

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

RNP7: Heritage Assets

A policy to protect our listed buildings and their settings and other features of conservation interest (see Appendix 2 of the Plan for more details of our heritage assets).

- Agree

- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

RNP8: Protecting Existing Community Facilities

A policy which seeks to protect a number of community assets– the Primary School, the Village Hall, All Saints Church, Mowsbury Golf Course, the Corner Shop, and the Horse & Jockey public house.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

RNP9: New Community Facilities

This policy sets out detailed criteria for the location and design of any new community facilities, and to minimise their impacts.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

RNP10: East West Rail

If East-West Rail is built across the Parish (despite local opposition), this policy sets out very detailed measures to mitigate the worst impacts of the scheme (both during construction and when operating) which the Secretary of State should take into account when deciding on this Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

RNP11: Developer Contributions

This policy contains the Parish Council's main local infrastructure spending priorities from the income it will receive under the Community Infrastructure Levy on relevant planning proposals. These major on new footpaths and cycleways along Bedford Road and Oldways Road to improve local connectivity, as well as other local road safety measures.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Comments (if any):

General

Please add any further comments you would like to make about the draft Neighbourhood Plan:

Thank you for completing this survey. Your views really matter!

Please remember to send in your form by Monday 4th April 2022.