

BURNESIDE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report of Workshop held on 24th June 2016

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1. The Workshop

The first Neighbourhood Plan Workshop was held on Friday 24th June 2016. This was effectively the Neighbourhood Plan “kick-start” meeting.

It was attended by 16 members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and convened by Nigel McGurk, Erimax – Land, Planning and Communities.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group split into four groups of four people to consider the key areas that the Burneside Neighbourhood Plan should consider.

The overall aim was to capture as many relevant things as possible, within the context of the future of the Neighbourhood Area.

To help the process, four main themes were introduced. These comprised:

- a) Environment and Design
- b) Community Facilities and Services
- c) Traffic and Transport
- d) Development and Infrastructure (Making it Happen)

Further to consideration of each theme, the groups came together and the results were shared.

This Report sets out all of the ideas, under each of the headings. It does not seek to collate, categorise or prioritise, but to capture all of the ideas in their “raw” state.

a) Environment and Design

- LOCAL CHARACTER
- LAKELAND
- SET STANDARDS
- INDIVIDUALITY
- WALLS – THE WALL BY THE MILL/STATE OF REPAIR
- APPROACH TO THE VILLAGE, ESPECIALLY HOLLINS LANE, IS A MESS
- TOILET BLOCK AND SUB-STATION ARE EYESORES
- PLUMGARTH ROUNDABOUT IS A GATEWAY/IDENTIFIER
- SHOP IS UGLY, FACELESS, WINDOWLESS
- STEEL ROLL DRAINAGE FLOOD DEFENCES UNATTRACTIVE
- DALESWAY ROUTE
- DOG-MUCK ALLEY
- PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ROUTES
- ENTRANCES – NEED MORE VILLAGE IDENTIFIERS
- OPEN SPACE WITH DEVELOPMENT
- NO ON-ROAD PARKING IN NEW DEVELOPMENT
- MILLENNIUM GREEN SHOULD BE USED MORE
- SOCIAL EVENTS, EG FETE
- ENGINE SHED MANAGEMENT
- CHURCH CAR PARK HAS CONCRETE CONTAINERS TO STOP OVERNIGHTING, COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH FLOWER POTS
- VIEWS THROUGH THE VILLAGE WHEN PASSING BY ARE IMPORTANT
- MAKE MORE OF THE BAKERY
- PLACES FOR DOG-WALKING
- VILLAGE NEEDS A CORE CENTRE
- VILLAGE SQUARE
- CONNECT EVERYONE
- PERFORMANCE ART, BEER, FOOD
- IS MILLENNIUM GREEN IN THE RIGHT PLACE ?
- SPECIAL PLACES: MILL, HALL, RIVER KENT, BRYCE, CHURCH, RECTORY, ROGER ROW, ENGINE SHEDS, PUB, MELMORE, BURNESIDE GREAT PARK
- GREEN SPACES, EG LEVENS PARK.
- PICNICS/RECREATION/TRIM TRAIL/VIEWS
- HEART OF THE VILLAGE. NEW TRAILS. BANDSTAND, MOVIES, FOOD
- EXTEND EXISTING TRAILS AND ROUTES
- BIKE FACILITIES (CARUS GREEN)
- SAFE BIKING TRAILS
- COHERENT SIGNAGE
- HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU'VE ARRIVED ?
- KIRKBY LONSDALE HAS A CENTRE
- CONNECTIVITY
- GARNETT BRIDGE, BONNING GATE, LANE FOOT, BOWSTON, CARUS GREEN

- FRONTAGES
- “LOOKS LIKE IT BELONGS” EG, STONE-FACED BUILDINGS
- PLAYGROUND IS A NATURAL MEETING PLACE. NEEDS IMPROVEMENTS
- AREAS TO PRESERVE INCLUDE THE CRICKET PITCH
- HERITAGE SIGNS, CIVIC SOCIETY/BURNESIDE HERITAGE GROUP COULD GET INVOLVED
- IMPROVE THE RIVER FRONTAGE, SAFETY AND RECREATION
- STONE FACING BUILDINGS
- MIXED DENSITIES
- WILDLIFE AREA
- QUALITY STREET FURNITURE
- PLANTING
- SCHOOL PLAYGROUND NOT ACCESSIBLE AFTER-HOURS
- IMPORTANT SPACE BETWEEN KENDAL AND BURNESIDE
- DEFINE THE VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- WILD AREAS, MEADOWS, ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS
- GREEN CAR PARKING
- TRAFFIC CALMING
- HGV RESTRICTIONS, ACCESS ONLY
- NO LORRY PARKING BUT PROVIDE SOMEWHERE APPROPRIATE IN PARISH
- CATS AND DOGS – MESS AND PROBLEMS FOR FARMERS
- HOUSES REFLECT CURRENT STYLES/ORIGINAL DESIGN
- DOORS AND WINDOWS IMPORTANT
- WANT VIBRANT, ATTRACTIVE SHOP

b) Community Facilities and Services

- SPORTS FIELDS FOR VARIOUS SPORTS
- BRYCE, PUB, CHURCH, CHIPPY, BAKERS, STATION, BUSES
- MILL, EMPLOYMENT, WORKSHOPS, MICRO BREWERY, FARMING
- MILL – HERITAGE, SHOP, CAFÉ
- MORE SMALL WORKSHOPS
- PATHS, EXPAND CYCLEWAY, ENCOURAGE CYCLING
- CYCLE COURSE AT WHITEFOOT PLANTATION
- HERITAGE GROUP PUBLICATIONS – MAKE MORE OF THEM
- INFORMATION BOARDS, EG WILDLIFE, FAUNA, FLORA
- MILL BECOME MORE A PART OF THE VILLAGE – HERITAGE, A MUSEUM
- SCHOOL PARTIES TO THE VILLAGE
- MILL IS INTEGRAL TO THE VILLAGE
- PRE-SCHOOL
- COFFEE SHOP
- COMMUNITY PUB FOR FAMILIES
- LINKS TO CUMBRIA UNIVERSITY, KENDAL COLLEGE AND THE MILL
- GENERATE FOOTFALL IN THE VILLAGE
- BUSINESS CENTRE
- SCHOOL AND BRYCE, MORE COMMUNITY USE
- LOSS OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT, MORE GROUPS NEEDED
- BANDSTAND, MEETING SPACES
- NEW IDEAS, NEW BUILDINGS, NEW THINGS
- FESTIVALS AND MARKETS – GOOD WAY OF BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER
- NEED A PHYSICAL PRESENCE TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER – WHERE?
- NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 6 SHOULD BE MORE A PART OF THE VILLAGE
- MORE EXAMPLES LIKE THE BOATYARD
- MORE STARTER UNITS
- THE SHOP IS A COMMUNITY ASSET AND AN INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
- ACCOMMODATION FOR WALKERS AND CYCLISTS
- MORE ACCOMMODATION
- DOCTORS SURGERY
- POST OFFICE FIVE DAYS A WEEK
- LIBRARY IN A STATE OF THE ART BUILDING
- ALLOTMENTS – NOT SCRUFFY ONES, GOOD EG'S IN KENDAL
- VARIETY OF ACCOMMODATION
- PARKING IS TOO RANDOM
- IS CHIPPY IN THE RIGHT PLACE ?
- SHOULD BE A PUB ON THE RIVER, WOULD BE A REAL ASSET
- GOOD SPORTS FACILITIES, BRING THEM TOGETHER, BETTER COMMUNICATION
- ALL WEATHER PITCH WOULD ENABLE SPORT IN THE EVENINGS. FLOODLIGHTS ?

- BRYCE IS BUSY, PARKING A NIGHTMARE, NIGHTS ARE FULL, WELL-USED IN DAYTIME
- IS THERE ROOM FOR COMBINED SPORTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITY ?
- REGENERATION OF ENGINE HOUSE
- CENTRAL CHANGING FACILITIES, CLUB HOUSE
- LINK UP SPORTS PROVISION INSTEAD OF DOTTED AROUND
- CAMPING
- BOWLING GREEN IS A HIDDEN GEM
- BURNESIDE HAS WHAT PEOPLE WANT WHEN THEY MOVE TO THE AREA
- ACTIVELY MANAGED CLUBS
- IF NOT A MEMBER, CAN'T GAIN ACCESS
- VILLAGE-WIDE FACILITIES

c) Traffic and Transport

- ELECTRIFICATION, ENABLE COMMUTE TO MANCHESTER AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES
- NEED A GOOD TIMETABLE WITH FREQUENT SERVICES
- THE BUS IS WELL-USED BUT EXPENSIVE
- IMPROVE CYCLE ROUTES
- MAKE IT EASIER AND SAFER TO CYCLE
- PRIORITISE DIFFERENT TYPES OF TRAFFIC
- PRIORITISE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE MOVEMENT
- TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES
- SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC "NATURALLY" THROUGH DESIGN, EG WIDER PAVEMENTS
- BIKE HIRE
- BIKE SHOP
- EMBRACE CYCLING CULTURE
- LINK WITH CYCLE ROUTE
- BE PART OF "CO-WHEELS" - ALREADY AT OXENHOLME, STAVELEY AND WINDERMERE
- CO-WHEELS IS POPULAR, SIMILAR IDEA FOR MOTOR-HOMES TOO
- CAR CLUB
- PROVIDE BAYS, SPACES AND PROMOTE
- IMPROVEMENT OF PAVEMENTS
- HIGHWAY SAFETY
- HGV RESTRICTIONS COULD BE BASED AROUND TIMING
- NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT ROUTE
- NEW HOMES TO HAVE 2 SPACES FOR PARKING
- POSSIBLE 20MPH SPEED LIMIT
- SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL
- DESIGNATED CYCLE ROUTE TO SCHOOL
- PREVENT RAT-RUNNING
- RESTRICTION ON BRIDGES, EG AT BACK LANE
- ALL TRAINS SHOULD STOP AT BURNESIDE
- BUSES AND TRAINS SHOULD INTEGRATE TIMINGS
- LESS POT HOLES, MORE PAVEMENTS
- ADEQUATE AND ATTRACTIVE PARKING
- PARKING TO BE PREPARED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION
- HIDE PARKING, UNDERGROUND PARKING
- WORK WITH OTHER PARISHES/SLDC FOR BETTER TRANSPORT INTEGRATION
- NO BUS CONNECTION TO A591
- NO BUS LINK TO NATIONAL PARK (HAVE TO GO TO KENDAL FIRST)
- A PROPER TRAIN STATION THAT CONNECTS WITH THE VILLAGE CORE
- PEDESTRIANISED AREA
- BETTER INFORMATION

- SEPARATE TRAFFIC AND WALKERS
- RECOGNISE THAT THE LORRIES AND MILL ARE CONNECTED
- THE STATION IS DOWN A PRIVATE ROAD AND POORLY SIGNED WITH NO PARKING
- WIDTH OF ROADS AN ISSUE
- ROCKS, TREE STUMPS STICKING OUT OF GRASS VERGES, EG 3 IN CROOK ROAD. UNNECESSARY AND RESULTS IN DIFFICULT/NARROW ROADS, ONLY REQUIRES SMALL WORKS TO RESOLVE
- PARISH HAS 42 MILES OF FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS, SHOULD BE PUBLICISING THIS AND EXPANDING ROUTES

d) Development and Infrastructure (Making it Happen)

MORE, BIGGER HOUSES

ALREADY A LOT OF SMALL HOUSES AND SOCIAL HOUSING

BIGGER FAMILY HOUSES

LOCAL OCCUPANCY CLAUSES FOR FAMILIES IN THE VILLAGE

WHO DO WE WANT TO ATTRACT?

LOCAL NEEDS

IN 2004 BURNESIDE HAD HIGHEST LEVEL OF SOCIAL HOUSING

92 DWELLINGS ON EXISTING DEVELOPMENT SITES

QUANTUM OF DEVELOPMENT NEEDS CONSIDERING

LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT NEEDS CONSIDERING

NOT SPREAD ALL AROUND

A DENSER VILLAGE

MORE PEOPLE, MORE ACTIVITY

HOUSES FOR PEOPLE TO BUY, AFFORDABLE OR NOT

AFFORDABLE HOMES THAT ARE HIGHER QUALITY

DENSER DEVELOPMENT, APARTMENTS, A BROAD MIX

ALMSHOUSES AT AYNAM ROAD IN KENDAL, A GOOD EXAMPLE

QUALITY OF SPACE AROUND DEVELOPMENT IS IMPORTANT

BETTER COMMUNAL SPACES

IN SURVEY TWO YEARS AGO, THERE WAS SUPPORT FOR LOW COST AND OLD FOLKS

HOUSING

IN TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IT IS THE PRICE OF THE HOUSE THAT IS

IMPORTANT, NOT WHAT IT IS LABELLED AS

RE-HOUSING FLOODED PROPERTIES –DEMOLISH AND MOVE THEM

BROADBAND ESSENTIAL FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD

AREA

ALLOCATING LAND FOR BUSINESS

PRINCIPLE OF ENCOURAGING NEW BUSINESS, EG BOATYARD, BREWERY

BUSINESSES ASSOCIATED WITH AND WHICH “FEED OFF” THE MILL

STAVELEY HAS GREAT LOCAL EXAMPLES

BUSINESSES IN BOWSTON

LARGE PLAN TO ASSESS OPPORTUNITIES

COMMITMENT TO GREEN ENERGY

SEEK SELF-SUFFICIENCY

UTILISE BURNESIDE ENERGY COMPANY

CONNECTING NEW DEVELOPMENT WITH GREEN ENERGY

TICK THE GREEN ENERGY BOX

POLICY-WISE, PUSH FOR MORE THAN THE 10% POLICY REQUIREMENT

2. The Outcomes

The following is aimed at using the information set out above to help “drill down” to aims, objectives and Neighbourhood Plan content in the most effective manner possible.

Taking the output of The Workshop into account, some initial themes are clearly beginning to emerge. This section of the Report seeks to recognise general aims and objectives by beginning to identify “Policy Areas” and place them into potential “Chapters” of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Whilst ultimately, the Steering Group will need to take an absolute view on priorities – a Neighbourhood Plan trying to cover *everything* would obviously be unwieldy and difficult justify/substantiate with evidence – it is suggested that the initial “raw” information above and the subsequent suggested Chapters/Policy Areas below, be considered by all involved to date and that a Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting is convened, in the form of a Round Table Discussion.

The purpose of the Round Table Discussion will be to consider the Chapters and Policy Areas with the aim of identifying the aims, objectives, Chapters of the Neighbourhood Plan and prioritising Policy Areas to the Steering Group. The Steering Group can then take decisions based on consensus.

The resultant draft aims, objectives, Chapters and Policy Areas can then inform the first Neighbourhood Area-wide consultation. This will provide the opportunity to for the wider community to input to meaningful information at the earliest stage. The results of the consultation can then be taken into account, providing the structure for the Neighbourhood Plan and allowing the formal Vision, Aims and Objectives to be agreed, and the collection of evidence and drafting of Policies to commence.

For clarity, the draft Chapters and Policy Areas – and the process to determine them (including this Report and any related information) will itself form part of the consultation process. This will afford everyone who wants to, the opportunity to comment on the process itself, as well as provide ideas.

Taking the above into account, it is therefore recommended that:

- ***This initial Report be considered by the Steering Group/Neighbourhood Plan Group ahead of a Round Table Discussion to identify aims, objectives, Chapters and Policy Areas for public consultation.***

4. Next Steps

Neighbourhood Plan Chapters and Policy Areas – Early Recommendations

At this initial stage, it is suggested that the Chapters of the Neighbourhood Plan relate to the Key Themes considered at the Workshop. It may be that the Chapters themselves adapt (for example, instead using a more interesting/all embracing heading, eg “*A Better Connected Village, A Festival Village, A Business Village*” etc) but at this stage, the Key Themes provide a starting point that clearly relates to the Workshop.

At this stage, for clarity, it is therefore suggested that the initial Chapters comprise: Environment and Design; Community Facilities and Services; Traffic and Transport; and Development and Infrastructure (Making it Happen).

Within each of the above Chapters, a number of Policy Areas have begun to emerge, further to findings of “The Workshop” set out above.

NB, the Policy Areas are not the policies themselves, but begin to provide a sense of priorities, aims and objectives, which in turn indicate what the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan will need to cover.

Inevitably, some Policy Areas fall into more than one Chapter, or may be better placed in another Chapter to that which they were considered during the Workshop. The Steering Group will ultimately need to decide the most appropriate Chapter, but this is not a major concern at this stage.

Emerging Policy Areas further to The Workshop

Taking all of the information above into account, it is suggested that the initial Policy Areas set out below have begun to emerge.

For clarity - this is a starting point for consideration and is NOT a definitive list.

As set out above, it is now recommended that the Steering Group and Neighbourhood Plan Group consider all of the information contained in this Report prior to convening at the Round Table Discussion, with the aim of establishing structured information for initial public consultation.

The emerging Chapters and Policy Areas are as follows:

a) Environment and Design

- Identifying, protecting and enhancing Burneside's special places and distinctiveness
- Village and whole Neighbourhood Area identity, including gateways, routes, signs, street-scenes and information
- A Village Centre
- Integrating the Mill and the Village
- Detailed design considerations and standards (eg walls, use of stone, design and infrastructure (eg flood defences/barriers to prevent over-nighting))
- Making the most of the River (access, amenity, facilities, infrastructure)
- Local Green Space
- Addressing eyesores and problems
- Fauna, flora, wild areas, meadows and allotments/community gardens

b) Community Facilities and Services

- A Village Centre, Square, Meeting Place
- Integrating the Mill and the Village
- Making better use of under-utilised assets (Green, School, Riverside Pub, Walks, Amenity, Trim Trail)
- A Sports and Leisure village
- A Coherent Village
- Active centre with enhanced services (cafes, shops, culture, events, food, markets, festivals, drink, arts, music, paper, doctors, post office, library)
- A Busier Social, Events and Festival Village
- Heritage, Museum and Education
- Tourism, Accommodation and Information

c) Traffic and Transport

- Improved and new walking routes, trails, cycleways, paths
- A Walking and Cycling village
- Riverside walks
- Cycle routes, courses, hire and shop
- Car parking in the village
- Car parking in new development
- Managing delivery traffic
- A Safe Village
- Integrated and Improved Buses and Trains
- A Better Connected Village

d) Development and Infrastructure (Making it Happen)

- A Green Village (energy, sustainability and appearance)
- New housing
- An appropriate housing mix
- Well designed development
- Using development to support delivery and improvement (sustainable growth)
- Infrastructure and design
- A Business Village
- Integrating Mill and Village
- Supporting New Business Opportunities
- A Connected Village (Better virtual and real links with other towns, villages, the National Park)

Next Steps

- **Steering Group/Neighbourhood Plan Group to consider the above (and the rest of this Report/and other ideas that might not have been discussed at The Workshop) and finalise for dissemination to the wider**
- **Round Table Discussion**

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