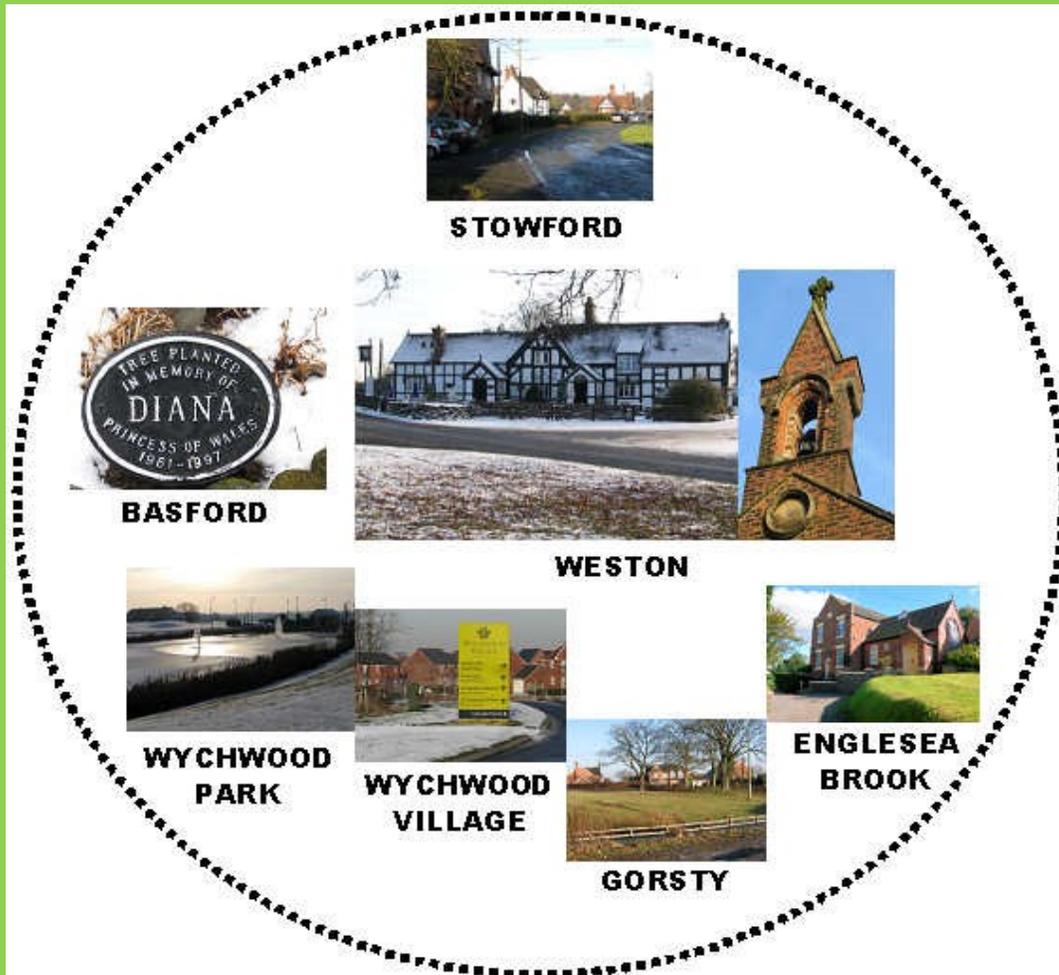


WESTON & BASFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

NOVEMBER 2016

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What has happened since our drop in sessions in May?

- Your feedback to our questionnaire and comments made at the 'drop in' sessions have been carefully analysed.
- Your feedback has been very favourable and has formed the basis for the development of a set of draft policies. These can be viewed on the Weston & Basford website at: <http://www.weston-basford.co.uk/parish-council/neighbourhood-plan>. A hard copy can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, David Owen : Tel 01270 254424. **Please let us have any comments on these by the end of December.**
- The aim of the Plan is to try to retain and develop the individual character of the 7 communities which make up the parish and enable them to thrive, even under unprecedented development pressures. We want them to evolve, grow and prosper in a sustainable way and provide us all, along with future generations, with a good quality of life. Over 90% of you supported this in the initial questionnaire.

What happens next and why is there a sense of real urgency?

- Weston & Basford is currently under greater pressure for development than almost any other parish in Cheshire East and is faced with fighting an appeal for 900 dwellings at Gorsty Hill Golf Club at a Public Inquiry scheduled for next January. It is imperative that our Neighbourhood Plan is prepared to a sufficiently advanced stage to for it to carry 'significant weight' as part of our evidence. In parallel with this we are awaiting the Inspector's latest deliberations on the Cheshire East Local Plan. This will dictate the overall housing numbers for Cheshire East, endorse or otherwise the key strategic development allocations such as Basford East and the South Cheshire Growth Village and give guidance on critical policy areas such as Green Gap.
- To accelerate the Plan we are now in the process of preparing to submit it to Cheshire East under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan (General Regulations) 2012. This is a process which provides a formal opportunity for the community and wider interests to feed in their views at this stage and to further develop the draft policies.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Why the need for a further questionnaire? This time we want your views on Local Housing Need

- We have statistical evidence from Cheshire East on the numbers of houses (minimal - in the region of 50) which need to be built throughout the parish by 2030. This is in addition to the strategic development sites at Basford East and the South Cheshire Growth Village and the dwellings recently allowed on appeal off East Avenue, Weston.
- What we are lacking, however, is a picture from the local community of their perception of the type of housing we need. We have commissioned Cheshire Community Action to carry out an Independent Housing Needs Survey.
- **PLEASE HELP US BY COMPLETING THIS HOUSING NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE, PREFERABLY ONLINE OR BY RETURNING IT IN THE SAE ENCLOSED BY 11TH DECEMBER**
- Our sole aim is to protect our communities and heritage against unprecedented odds!

Many thanks for your valued assistance which is much appreciated

John Cornell

Chairman Weston & Basford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

THIS COMPRISES THE WHOLE OF THE PARISH OF WESTON & BASFORD



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