**Housing Development**

Although the Neighbourhood Plan will cover a range of topics, **new housing** **development** is a central issue which will be of concern and interest to many residents. As indicated earlier, Bradford’s allocation for the village is 200 dwellings, with around 50 of these built or under construction already, leaving sites to be found for some 150 more.

Bradford Council is currently preparing an **Allocations Development Plan Document** for the District, to identify actual housing sites to be developed. Work on this, which included public consultation on potential sites over the summer, is on-going. **The Neighbourhood Plan is a major opportunity for residents to contribute to this work and influence which sites are developed, the type of housing required, and related matters.**

 The plan overleaf, prepared by Bradford Council, shows sites with potential for housing development, including sites put forward by landowners and developers. It also shows areas of greenspace. Several of the potential housing sites have constraints which would affect their suitability. The identified sites could accommodate many more dwellings than the allocation for the village, and **the plan does NOT indicate that ALL of these sites are going to be developed.**

A key objective of the Addingham Neighbourhood Plan will be to get residents’ views on which sites are most appropriate for new houses – where they can be accommodated without harming village character, setting and environment, taking account of infrastructure capacity and other factors such as sustainability and flood risk.

Residents’ views are essential so that these can feed into the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

More information on this will be available at the meeting on 3 November, and there will be further public consultation to identify residents’ detailed views and comments on how best to meet the dwelling requirement, along with seeking views on all other topics in the Plan over the coming months.

**Addingham Neighbourhood Plan Forum**

The Neighbourhood Plan is a Parish Council-led initiative, and the Forum has been set up as a working group by the Council. The Forum will manage the process of preparing a draft Plan – undertaking research and surveys, gathering evidence, and ensuring full community engagement and involvement through regular information up-dates and public meetings at various stages of the process. Contributions to a wide range of topics will be required from residents, businesses and village organisations.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan prepared by the Forum, in consultation with residents, must be endorsed by the Parish Council, after which it will be the subject of a **village referendum** run by Bradford Council. The current timescale envisages the referendum should be around the end of 2017. Current Forum membership is as follows:-

**Addingham Parish** **Council Addingham Civic Society Residents**

John Mawson Malcolm Keeble Keith Appleyard

Adrian Naylor Jim Robinson Alan Taylor

Barry Orr Wes Wilcox

Simon Tenant Maureen Wood

Clerk: Jane Markham

**A Communications Strategy for keeping the village informed and involved in the Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared. This will include up-dates on a number of the village web-sites including the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish Council site. Social media will also be used as far as possible. In the meantime, if you require any further information, please contact the Parish Council Clerk Jane Markham at** **clerk@addingham-pc.gov.uk** **or write to The Old School Room, Main Street, Addingham LS29 0NS**

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