**Housing Development**

Although the Neighbourhood Plan will cover a range of topics, n**ew housing** **development** is a central issue which will be of concern and interest to many residents. As indicated earlier, sites for around 150 of the 200 dwellings allocated for Addingham need to be found.

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 help to influence which sites are developed, the type of housing required, and related matters.**

The plan overleaf shows sites with potential for housing development, as identified in Bradford Council’s recent Allocations consultation, and includes sites put forward by landowners and developers. 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 be considered when drafting up the Neighbourhood Plan.

More information on this will be available at the meeting on 3 November, and there will be further public consultation over the coming months to identify detailed views and comments on accommodating the dwelling requirement and on all other topics in the Plan.

**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 approved by the Parish Council, after which it is likely to be the subject of a **village referendum** run by Bradford Council. Based on the current timescale, it is envisaged that the referendum could be held 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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