



## PROTECT OUR VILLAGE - SUPPORT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### Latest News

- We are pleased to report that the plan has now been formally submitted to Bedford Borough Council for examination. Our responses to comments made to our last consultation on the plan, and the changes we have made to the plan as a result, are reported in the Consultation Statement (see 'Submission Documents' page of our website).
- At the end of July the Borough Council notified all residents about **their consultation process, which ends on 24<sup>th</sup> August at 5.00pm.**
- Comments submitted to the Borough Council's consultation will be passed to an independent person appointed to examine the Neighbourhood Plan. If the plan is found to be satisfactory, a referendum will be arranged for Turvey residents. If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote 'yes', then the plan comes into force.
- National regulations introduced in response to coronavirus mean that no elections or referendums can take place until 6 May 2021. This includes neighbourhood planning referendums. These provisions will be kept under review and may be changed.

### Recent events

- Many of us have received an anonymous leaflet claiming that the Turvey Neighbourhood Plan would result in the removal of parking on Carlton Road, in turn resulting in the loss of the church, pub and Corner Stores.
- **This claim is completely false.** The Neighbourhood Plan Transport Policy T11 makes specific requirements to ensure on-road parking capacity within the village is not lost as a result of development, as follows:

*"New development must have no significant adverse impact on traffic safety, road and on-road parking capacity, in particular on the following identified congestion points:*

*Bridge Street  
High Street  
Bedford Road (Station End)  
Carlton Road  
Newton Lane  
Junctions with the A428*

*Development must include sufficient off-road parking to support the size and type of properties".*

- The Carlton Road development will include eight public parking spaces, resulting in more, not less parking provision in Turvey.

- The flyer also claims that the Carlton Road site for new houses is not ringfenced, so could be bigger in the future. **This is also not true** – the site is strictly bounded by the Settlement Policy Area, which prevents development outside this line. This can only be altered in future by another Neighbourhood Plan, which would have to go through the same detailed consultation process as this one.

Neighbourhood Plans are designed to give local people more say about how development takes place in their local area and many villages in Bedfordshire and across the country are developing plans. **Without a neighbourhood plan the Borough Council will choose the sites and the number of new houses. They will be free to allow more sites in Turvey and build many more than the 50 houses in our plan.**

Turvey's Neighbourhood Plan also puts in place policies to protect the village in other areas. To find out more, the full plan, further guidance and answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the website <http://turveyndp.org.uk/>

Questions can also be emailed to the address below and will be responded to without delay:

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**Turvey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

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