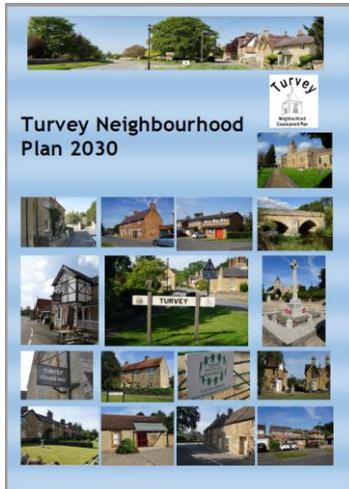




TURVEY PARISH COUNCIL



Formal Consultation on Turvey Neighbourhood Plan

6th November to
18th December 2019

The Turvey Neighbourhood Development Plan has reached the formal consultation stage, and you are invited to submit comments on it.

This document contains a summary of the Plan; the full Plan and supporting documents can be found at www.turveyndp.org.uk and copies are available to view at All Saints Church, Central Stores, Corner Stores, Three Fyshes and Three Cranes.

Response forms are available on the website and at the Church; they can be emailed to turveyneighbourhoodplan@btinternet.com or left at the collection points in the Church, Corner Stores and Central Stores.

**** If you would like to discuss the plan with a member of the Steering Group before submitting your response please come along to our drop-in session - 2.00 to 4.00 pm at the village hall on 24th November ****

You can contact us at turveyneighbourhoodplan@btinternet.com or 01234 881478

All responses must be received by midnight, 18 December 2019.

The Turvey NDP will form part of the statutory development plan for the area. Local people will be given the chance to endorse the plan publicly by means of a referendum, which ensures that it has the backing of the community.

Turvey Neighbourhood Plan – Summary

What is the purpose of the Plan?

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is a way for Turvey residents to influence how land is used and where new housing is developed and how the village should develop for the benefit of the community.

Maintaining the viability of rural settlements is an important aim of the Bedford Local Plan 2030. In order to meet the Borough's requirement for new housing, Turvey will be required to provide 25-50 new homes in the period to 2030, "generally in and around defined Settlement Policy Area boundaries."

The Neighbourhood Plan recognises that development at this level, sensitively located and designed, can make a positive contribution to the vitality and sustainability of our community.

What are the Aims and Objectives of the Plan?

The vision for the development of the village was agreed at a consultation event in March 2018, as;

For our village to develop in a sustainable way, that accords with the wishes of those living in it, providing housing where need exists whilst protecting the things we most cherish.

Aims and objectives, also developed in consultation with residents, were agreed as;

A. To ensure that Turvey is a sustainable place to live, meeting the needs of the local population by:

- Providing a mixed range of new housing, to meet local need;
- Ensuring housing supports and is supported by a balanced range of local facilities and community infrastructure;
- Enabling and encouraging sustainable life, work and travel patterns, supported by adequate transport infrastructure.
- Ensuring that shops, pubs and community facilities are protected, and new facilities are supported where appropriate.

B. To protect, enhance and promote the character of the Parish, its historic and rural environment by:

- Conserving its distinct identity and outstanding landscape setting and natural features;
- Conserving or enhancing the historic environment and heritage assets within the village;
- Ensuring development protects local wildlife features and those connected to the village in the wider landscape;
- Ensuring development is well designed, contributing to the distinctive sense of place and enhancing valued historic environment and landscape assets.

Housing

- A detailed study and consultation with the school showed that there is demand for smaller (2-3 bedroom) affordable housing and bungalows to enable families and those 'downsizing' to remain in the village.
- Villagers have indicated that new houses in smaller developments of less than 20 or 30 units, and that any development should address traffic, road safety and potential negative effects on the character of the village and the natural environment.
- The Plan includes policies to deliver 50 new houses in two developments, at Mill Rise (Newton Lane west) and Carlton Road. The policies also set requirements for the design and character of new development, and obligations around suitable provision in terms of parking, drainage, utilities, broadband etc so that conditions are not made worse for existing properties and businesses

The environment, wildlife and countryside

- The top-ranking response to the question 'What is good about living in Turvey' related to the environment and the countryside; many people identified the protection of the environment and the countryside in the parish as very important.
- The Plan includes policies to protect the open and rural nature of the village, to designate twelve open spaces as Local Green Spaces with protection from development, and to protect water quality of the river Great Ouse

Main issues covered in the Plan

Protecting historic buildings and assets

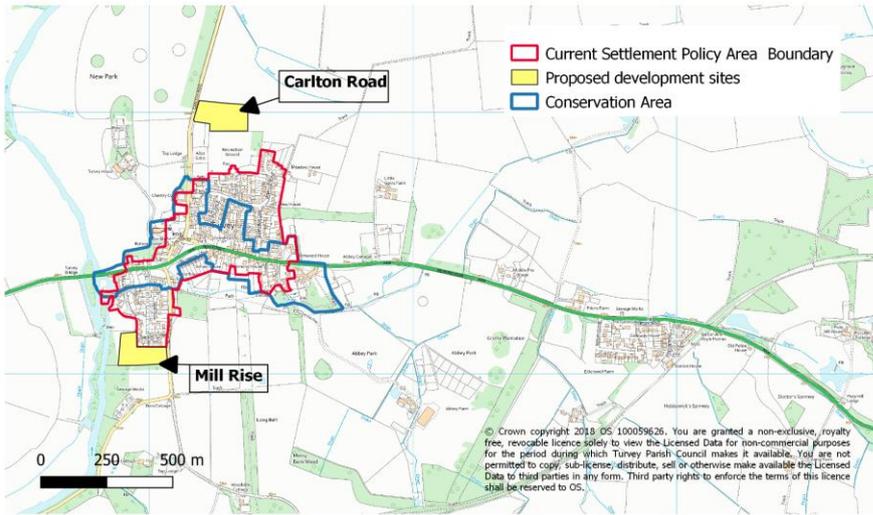
- The Plan policies require development to respect the settings of the many listed buildings and historic assets in the village.

Protecting shops, facilities, groups and activities that contribute to community spirit

- the availability of local shops and facilities was rated as the third most important factor in contributing to Turvey being a good place to live, and the groups and activities available in the village was close behind.
- The policies in this Plan will facilitate the protection of these features of village life.
- The policies will also encourage development that supports local employment

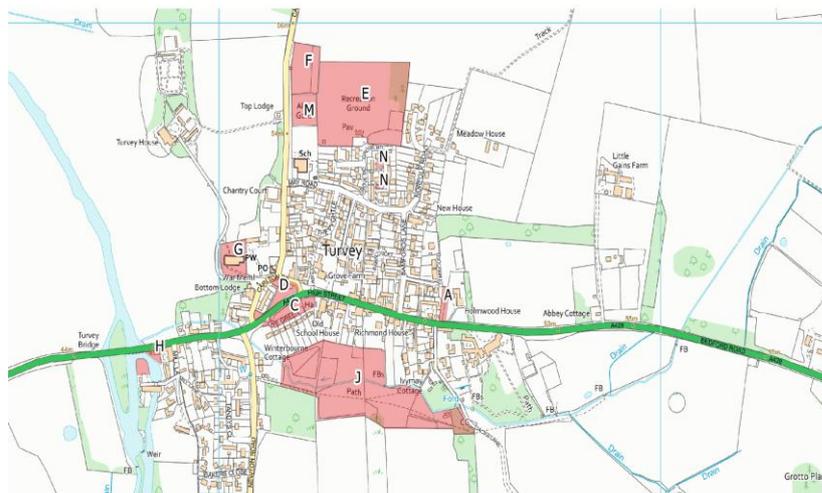
Traffic and Parking

- The factor with the largest response to the question 'What would you change about Turvey if you could?' was controlling traffic volume and improving parking, and the second highest was providing additional measures to manage speeding. The third was the condition of roads and pavements in the village.
- The Plan proposes options for the relief of traffic congestion on Newton Lane and Carlton Road be considered, along with measures to control the speed of traffic particularly through Station End. Improvements to public transport, particularly to benefit commuters from the village, and reduce car usage will be explored with the relevant bodies.
- An improved pedestrian/cycle link between the main village and Station End will also be promoted.
- These go beyond the scope of the neighbourhood plan policies for the most part, but the contribution that new developments can bring to alleviating these concerns will be sought.



Proposed sites for new houses

Proposed Local Green Spaces



Location	
A	Footpath adjacent to Abbey Square and Holmwood House
C	The Green
D	Lancelot's Piece and The Roundel
E	Recreation Ground
F	The Cemetery
G	All Saints Churchyard
H	Area south of river bridge adjacent to The Three Fyshes
J	Four paddocks between Jacks Lane and Newton Lane
K	Grassed area, Station End
L	Priory Close playground
M	Turvey allotments
N	Grassed squares, Grove Road

