



Latest News - Turvey Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan developments in 2018

- New sites put forward for housing:
 - Additional sites for housing were submitted in the autumn at **Laws House, High Street and the Burrows, Station Road**
- Sites withdrawn:
 - **Land at Abbey Cottage/Bedford Road** has been withdrawn
 - **Land at Station Road** has been sold for development of supported housing for older people - more information on this coming soon
- Choosing best sites for housing
 - In March 2018 we had discussions with residents on developing our site selection criteria and policies
 - Since then we have rated the sites to find the sites which provide the best match against our criteria
 - An independent technical assessment of the sites has been provided by Aecom Ltd to help us consider the suitability of the sites
- Consultation event
 - A consultation process on sites for housing will take place starting with a display of the site assessments and recommendations at the village hall and at the Barton & Royle Community Room on the 15th, 16th and 17th March
 - This is an important opportunity for residents to help us to come to conclusions about the best sites for housing
 - Information about the site assessments will be displayed and feedback forms made available for residents to give their views
 - See the advert in this edition of Turvey News for details of the events.
- Local Green Spaces
 - New regulations for protecting local green spaces have been introduced and we have the opportunity to nominate locations in the village for this protection in the Neighbourhood Plan
 - The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have undertaken an audit of local green space in the village
 - Our recommended locations will also be put forward for consultation at the sites for housing event in March

Bedford Borough Local Plan

The Borough's Local Plan was subject to delay in 2018 and eventually submitted in December. The Borough's current timetable is to have an approved plan by October 2019. We need to progress our plan in parallel with the Borough's Plan so we are aiming to have our plan ready for submission as soon as the Borough's Plan is approved. This would lead to the Neighbourhood Plan being agreed and adopted by Spring 2020.