

## Progress on the Leekfrith Neighbourhood Plan (LNP)

The LNP will be a list of policies generated and agreed by the parishioners of Leekfrith which must be considered by the Planning Authority when a planning application is submitted. The policies we generate must be within the general framework of national and regional planning policies.

This will give us a greater say in the planning process where our policies apply.

The LNP project team of Bob Foster, Arthur Wilson and the Parish Council are putting together an early draft LNP to act as an Aunt Sally which we will use for consultation. Your comments may change any part of the points below.

At present our Vision for the LNP is.....

To develop a Neighbourhood Plan, valid until about 2030 which will help to maintain, enhance and secure the longevity of the community in the Leekfrith Parish.

Encompassing..

1. A community of all ages.
2. Where the focal points of our community ( eg church, village hall chapel, pub etc) are valued and protected
3. A community where suitable businesses can thrive and employ
4. Conservation of what we value.

A more detailed document can be found here

<http://leekfrithparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/LeekfrithNeighbourhoodPlan>

The process is in essence.....

1. Designate an area. In our case the parish of Leekfrith. – done
2. Prepare a draft plan in consultation with the people of Leekfrith, and the planning authorities. ie the Peak Park and Staffs Moorlands District Council (SMDC)
3. Pre -submit the plan to the planning authorities for agreement
4. Submit to an Examiner
5. Publicise
6. Have a referendum within Leekfrith on the final plan

A detailed process can be found here

<http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/community-led-planning/neighbourhood-planning/guidance/how-to-produce-a-neighbourhood-plan>

We hope to have the LNP finished by Spring 2017. Longer than we first thought but we now know that the steps 3 to 5 above will take 6 months.

### Progress

At present we are looking at.....

1. Possible sites for affordable housing within the boundary of Meerbrook village. Consultation with the Peak Park and SMDC have been encouraging on this so far.
2. Development of Upper Hulme Mill. Much, but not all, of the Mill is dilapidated and the 4 owners are united in wanting things to change but keeping the unusual ambiance of Upper Hulme intact. We are looking at possible mixed development as housing and business units. The Peak Park planners have been very helpful in facilitating this.
3. Possibly allowing redefining holiday cottages in the parish as full time

lets to increase housing opportunities for both the young and not so young.

4. A possible overspill car park on the Roaches, for those sunny Sundays when the area is gridlocked, using the planning loophole where no planning permission is required for car parking for up to 28 days per annum.

We hope you will come forward with other ideas and constructive comments over the next few months so we can develop a Neighbourhood Plan which will enhance our quality of life here in Leekfrith.

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