

Collingham Neighbourhood Plan

ABOUT THE PLAN



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans are important components of the planning system. They were introduced by the Localism Act 2011 to enable local communities to have more significant influence over changes and developments in their villages and neighbourhoods.

Importantly, a Neighbourhood Plan is prepared by the local community, the people who know and cherish their area, rather than the Local Planning Authority which must maintain a wider, district-wide perspective.

A Neighbourhood Plan needs the support of the community on whose behalf it has been prepared and cannot be adopted unless a majority of residents voting in a local referendum have approved it.

What area does your Plan cover?

The Neighbourhood Plan Area was designated in October 2020 and covers the entire Parish of Collingham and Brough. The map opposite shows the area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan.

There are certain limitations on the matters which a Neighbourhood Plan can influence. The policies themselves must relate only to land-use and planning, so they cannot, for example, cover matters such as traffic management, litter, anti-social behaviour or the detailed management of open spaces or community buildings

Because the Plan will be so important when planning applications are being considered and decided, a Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted Local Plan for the District Council (Local Planning Authority), and with national planning policy as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance.

The Neighbourhood Plan must also be:

- evidence based;
- supported by the community; and
- consistent with principles of Sustainable Development.

Preparing Your Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan being prepared for Collingham is the result of work carried out over the past few years by a steering group made up of local residents, who have sought to engage the wider community in the plan-making process. The draft plan's outline, direction and contents have been informed and influenced by:

- information provided by community members (residents and businesses) in response to surveys and questionnaires;
- comments and suggestions made at several community engagement events;
- detailed consideration of particular topics by community focus groups; and
- Through engagement within the steering group and via informal discussion with parish residents and groups.

Topics discussed by the focus groups are listed below:

- Sustainability & Environmental Well-being;
- Design & Heritage;
- Accessibility, Transport & Communications;
- Community Amenities & Facilities
- Future Housing Needs
- Business & the Local Economy

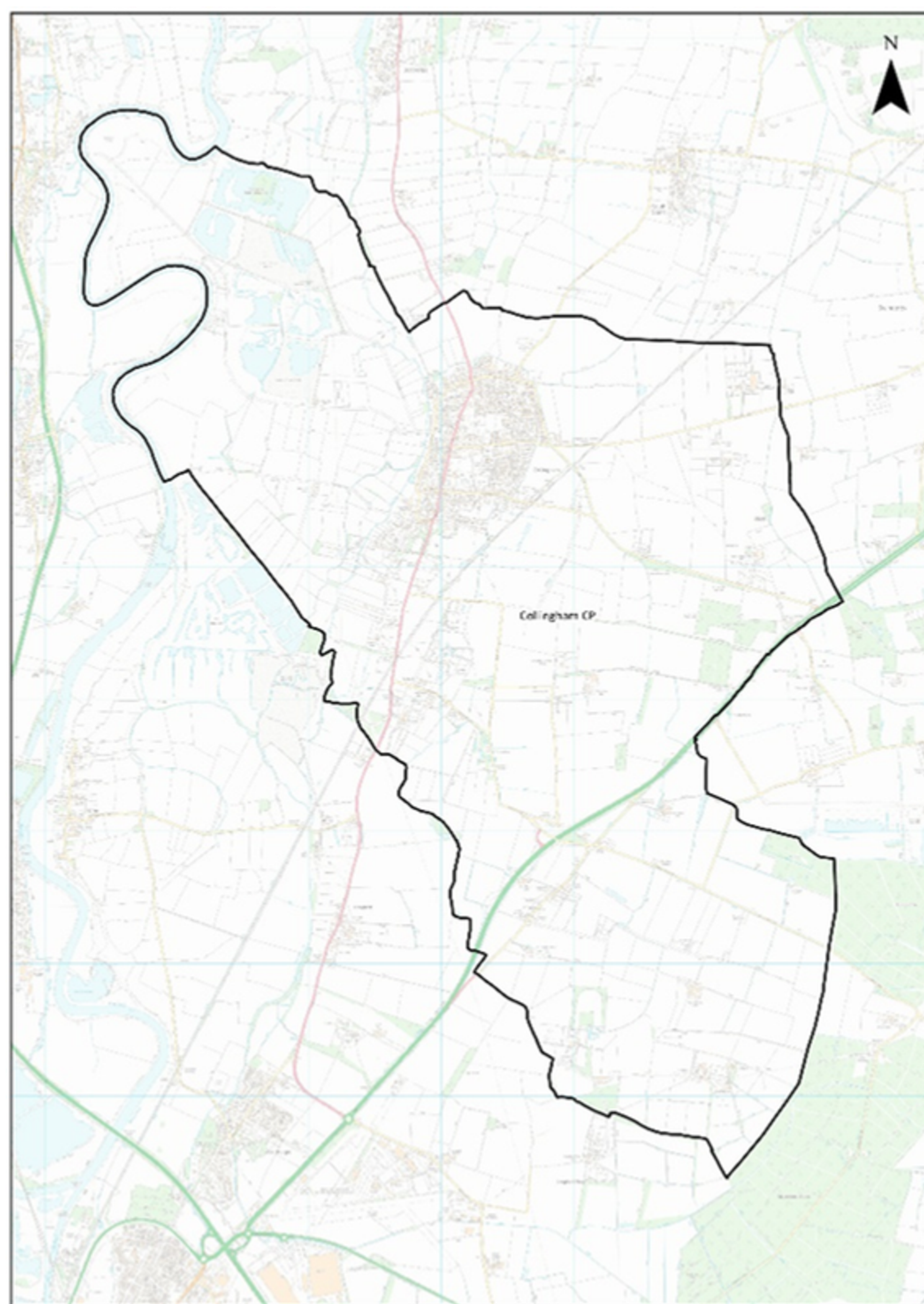
What are the benefits of a Plan?

Neighbourhood plans give local communities the power to shape the development of their area. They can:

- Choose where new homes, shops, and offices are built
- Decide what new buildings should look like
- Determine what infrastructure should be provided
- Protect local green spaces
- Encourage better designed places
- Bring forward housing that meets local needs
- Create Neighbourhood Development Orders to grant planning permission for specific types of development
- Encourage development that benefits the community, like affordable housing, village shops, playgrounds, or community energy schemes

Following adoption in a referendum of the local community receives further monies to spend on local infrastructure projects.

“A Neighbourhood Plan is a powerful tool that can be used to ensure that the community gets the right types of development, in the right places.”



How long does your Plan last?

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan period starts in 2025 and extends to 2036 - a planning period of 11 years. The working group aims to review the plan and, where necessary, update it approximately 5 years after it is first made.

Have Your Say - Get Involved

Your Voice is Important

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“THE VISION FOR 2036”

Collingham's vision for 2036 is not just a plan, it's a heartfelt promise to its residents – a pledge to nurture a village that thrives by honouring its past while embracing a sustainable and inclusive future. Imagine a place where the echoes of laughter and neighbourly chats resonate through time, a village that feels as familiar and comforting as it does exciting and progressive.

At its heart, the vision for Collingham in 2036 is about preserving the cherished village identity.

Residents envision a community that remains untouched by the sprawling reach of suburban development, a place where the "village feel" is not just a memory, but a vibrant daily reality. This means controlling development to ensure Collingham retains the character of a village and avoids the pitfalls of over-expansion. Any new housing will be built with longevity and affordability in mind, ensuring that the young and the local have a place to call home.

Picture a village where the streets are safe and inviting, not dominated by the roar of traffic. The 2036 vision includes a commitment to traffic management, aiming to reduce the volume and speed of vehicles, especially large lorries through the village centre to ensure the village remains a haven of peace and tranquility.

Residents will enjoy improved infrastructure and amenities, with better public transport, cycling lanes, and footpaths, all contributing to a more connected and accessible village. There will also be a wider range of local shops and facilities creating hubs for community life.

Our village in 2036 will be a beacon of environmental responsibility, a place where the beauty of the natural world is respected and protected. The vision includes a pledge for Net Zero for all new developments, with a focus on renewable energy sources and the preservation and improvement of our green and open spaces.

Imagine a village where the air is clean and biodiversity flourishes. A place where people are deeply connected to their environment.

Collingham in 2036 will be an intergenerational community, where everyone feels a sense of belonging and have opportunities to thrive. It will be a place where young and old connect and learn from one another. There will be improved facilities for the elderly, enhanced activities for young people, and better sporting facilities, all designed to create a dynamic and inclusive village life.

Collingham's residents believe that the future they are building together will be vibrant, resilient and a testament to the power of community spirit. The key is a collaborative approach and careful planning, to make Collingham a place where the best of the past melds seamlessly with the promise of a brighter future.

Do you agree or disagree with the Vision? Have your say!

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THE VISION & OBJECTIVES



The Vision

The Vision for this project has developed from the work undertaken in consultations since 2020; evidence gathering, residents surveys and work with the Focus Groups. The vision is based around the three pillars of sustainable development as set out by the National Planning Policy Framework – social, economic and environmental – and is a useful guide in establishing the policy framework for the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Vision comprises three elements as follows:

- **Building a Strong Community** – ensuring that the community is supported by a strong social structure and appropriate infrastructure.
- **Supporting a Vibrant Trading Environment** – to develop the economic vibrancy of the village.
- **Delivering a Good Place to Live** – Ensure the protection and enhancement of the natural and built environment, amenities and facilities whilst allowing appropriate new development.

Collingham will remain a thriving, cohesive village with a distinctive character, continuing to evolve and expand responsibly, ensuring that growth maintains these features, and providing a superior quality of life for current and future generations. Sustainable growth will enable the provision of a choice of new homes - including Affordable Homes which will be indistinguishable and fully integrated with the market housing - to meet the needs of all sections of the community, in a manner which respects the character of the village and wider parish.

The Objectives

Objective 1 - Sustainable Development

To ensure that proposals for new development are presented within the wider social, economic and environmental context and that informed decisions about future growth can be made.

Objective 2 - Environment, Climate Change & Flood Risk

To effectively protect and manage the natural environment in and around Collingham to achieve sustainable development and mitigate the effects of climate change and flooding.

Objective 3 - Design & Heritage

To ensure that all future development, regardless of type or location, does not have a negative impact on the village's unique character, historic environment and landscape setting.

Objective 4 - Accessibility, Transport & Communications

To facilitate safe movement and access to services and all forms of communications for residents and visitors, through and around Collingham, maximizing the use of sustainable modes.

Objective 5 - Community Facilities & Amenities

To protect and enhance the range of community facilities and amenities within the village to improve the quality of life for people both living and working in Collingham.

Objective 6 - Housing & Employment

To support limited residential and commercial development within the village, through meeting the strategic requirements for growth whilst maximizing the benefits for the community.

Objective 7 - Green Space & The Open Countryside

To protect and enhance the green spaces and ecological corridors in the village and improve connectivity of the public right of way network with access for all.

Do you agree or disagree with the Objectives? Have your say!

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SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING



The Background

To ensure that all future development, regardless of type or location, does not have a negative impact on the village's unique character, historic environment and landscape setting.

The Evidence

This policy is strongly supported by the Collingham community from the Residents Survey. They are concerned that the quality of life, they and visitors to the parish currently enjoy, is retained for future generations.

There is a desire to ensure the Blue and Green infrastructures are protected and enhanced; green spaces are provided equitably across Collingham to remedy the deficits identified in the NSDC Green Space Improvement Plan and to add character and public amenity to new development.

The residents recognise that unchecked climate change poses a serious global threat to human welfare, the natural environment and economic development. The residents recognise Collingham has a responsibility to play its part in addressing climate change through economic and lifestyle choices.

They also recognise that carefully planned sustainable development will support Collingham's efforts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.



Our residents have stated that a healthy natural environment is important to the wellbeing of Collingham residents, retaining the rural character of the village and making it an attractive place for visitors.

The residents also recognise the importance of biodiversity in sustainable communities and seeks to conserve and enhance the local Green Infrastructure, linked to the Blue Infrastructure, to foster plant and animal wildlife in the parish.

The DRAFT Policies

POLICY SD1 - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY POINTS

- Unless a District Council Allocated Site, new development will be limited to that appropriate to the village and the open countryside.
- All development proposals will need to demonstrate that:
 - They have met National, Local and Collingham specific sustainability requirements.
 - They have taken account of the Collingham Design Code to maintain and enhance the quality of the natural and built environments.
 - They have avoided an increase in flooding on and off site, and incorporate measures to protect property where necessary.
 - They are enhancing our Blue & Green Infrastructure.
 - They provide Developer Contributions (e.g. Affordable Housing) within the proposals.
 - They are accessible by foot, cycle and public transport. The reliance on private motor vehicles should be minimal.
 - They are enhancing the wellbeing of our residents and contribute to our social development needs.
 - They avoid the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural/horticultural production land.

POLICY E1 - CLIMATE CHANGE & CARBON EMISSIONS

SUMMARY POINTS

- All new development should show how it reduces the energy demand and reduce carbon emissions.
- All new homes will be Net Zero.
- All new non-residential development will be BREEAM "Excellent".
- All new development will provide charging points for EV's and electric cycle charging points.
- All new development will provide secure cycle storage (separate to garages)
- Low carbon energy generation schemes will be supported as long as they do not impact negatively on our landscape and heritage assets.

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The DRAFT Policies

POLICY E2(a) - BLUE & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

SUMMARY POINTS

- Development should seek opportunities to improve the existing footpaths and bridleways and enhance access.
- Development should provide new habitats and wildlife corridors, e.g. enhance opportunities in garden design, create new areas of woodland, create grassland and wetland habitats.
- Designs should allow wildlife and movement and create habitat for local species.
- Development should create and enhance or Blue-Green Infrastructure.

POLICY E2(b) - BIODIVERSITY

SUMMARY POINTS

- All new development should provide a 10% Biodiversity Net Gain.
- Proposals should where possible;
 - Strengthen hedgerows and field boundaries to provide more robust habitat 'corridors';
 - Plant wildflower meadows and strips;
 - Encourage native tree and shrub planting;
 - Encourage the creation of sustainable urban drainage schemes (SuDS), (e.g. rain gardens, pond and wetland creation) in new schemes and 'retrofitting' where appropriate;
 - Install habitat features (e.g. nest boxes) to benefit all bats and bird species of conservation concern, such as swifts, swallows, house martins and house sparrows;
 - Protect dry ditches - as these features are essential to the sustainable management of surface water;
 - Reduce light pollution to preserve dark landscapes;
 - Improve the River Fleet and other watercourses that increases biodiversity;
 - Link grassland habitats as identified in the Newark & District Council Green Infrastructure Strategy, and;
 - Incorporate gaps and holes in boundaries to allow wildlife through.
- The required net gain in biodiversity should be maximised on site, with any shortfall to be delivered offsite, with an appropriate Biodiversity Gain Plan demonstrating how this is to be achieved, ideally adjacent or locally to the site, within Collingham parish or within the Newark and Sherwood District and as a last resort elsewhere.

POLICY E3 - PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

SUMMARY POINTS

- All development must ensure that existing and any new PROWs including footpaths, cycle routes and bridle ways, which cross their sites, are retained wherever possible and enhance the Green Infrastructure.
- New and upgraded Public Rights of Way should be multifunctional and contribute to the Green Infrastructure.
- Any footpaths should be a width capable of being easy to maintain and have fully inclusive access surfacing.
- Footpaths should be provided with associated vegetation margins to effective wildlife corridors.
- New or realigned Public Rights of Way should avoid estate roads. They should be through landscaped or open spaces away from traffic.

POLICY E4 - FLOOD RISK

SUMMARY POINTS

- New development proposals will not be supported in Flood Zones 2 and 3 as identified by the Environment Agency.
- Proposals for alterations, extensions or change of use within Flood Zones 2 and 3 should demonstrate the proposals are appropriately resistant and resilient.
- Development proposals will not be supported where it will result in any additional surface water flows into the areas of surface water flood risk identified by the Environment Agency in Collingham.
- Development proposals will be expected to include sustainable drainage systems (SUDS).



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