

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden

INFORMAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION – March - May 2016

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE ABLE TO
VIEW THE PLAN BEFORE YOU CAN
COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**

INTRODUCTION

In 2014, the parishes of Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden successfully applied to Bradford Council to gain the designation of a 'Neighbourhood.' They were seeking to use the new powers granted to neighbourhoods through the Localism Act of 2011. Neighbourhood planning is something that is taking place all over the country and a Working Group of parish councillors and volunteers in your locality have been working together to develop a plan that will help to create a healthy and pleasant environment for residents. The plan will seek to ensure that the locality can offer a balance of employment, education, recreation and housing.

The Working Group carried out a number of local consultations before they began to draft the plan. These events were not well attended but the group hopes that local residents, employers, employees, students and visitors to the area will now consider the draft, and express their opinions by completing a questionnaire.

Public opinion will be taken into consideration and where there are strong objections or suggestions for improvement these will inform amendments which will be made before the final plan is submitted in April 2016 to Bradford Metropolitan Council in 2016.

You can find a full copy of the draft plan and a questionnaire [here](#), or by visiting the Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council website and looking at the neighbourhood plan page. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE ABLE TO VIEW THE PLAN BEFORE YOU CAN COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE. If you are interested in how the plan is taken forward, please help the local Working Group by printing, completing and posting your questionnaire to: Rosie Sanderson, Clerk to Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council, 35 Kings Mill Lane, Settle, N. Yorks, BD24 9FD. You can also save the document to your own computer, fill in your responses and then email the completed version to clerk@steeton-with-eastburnparishcouncil.gov.uk

Please respond by end May 2016

If you prefer, you can pick up a hard copy of the questionnaire from Post Offices in Steeton, Eastburn and Silsden. If you are unable to travel and do not have access to a printer you can request a hard copy of the questionnaire and/or the plan by emailing: clerk@steeton-with-eastburnparishcouncil.gov.uk

OBJECTIVE 1: Promotion of a suitable range and type of housing

Q1: The Neighbourhood Development Plan will support housing growth in Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden. Do you agree that housing growth is desirable in the following circumstances?

(please circle your answer)

- A** *If growth occurs on previously developed land*
AGREE DISAGREE DON'T KNOW
- B** *If growth seeks to re-use existing buildings*
AGREE DISAGREE DON'T KNOW
- C** *If growth does not intrude on open space or community facilities*
AGREE DISAGREE DON'T KNOW
- D** *If growth is planned to avoid negative impact on existing and planned infrastructure*
AGREE DISAGREE DON'T KNOW

If you disagree with any of these proposals, please give your reasons here.

Q1a: The Neighbourhood Development Plan will require that new housing development will be varied in design, of good quality, integrate with its surroundings and make effective use of land by achieving a minimum of 30 houses per hectare¹. Are there any factors, which have not been considered in the draft plan you feel require consideration when considering planning applications? *Please list the factors below.*

¹ A hectare is 10,000 sq metres. It is a plot of land which, for example, could be 100 metres square, or 50 m x 200 m long.

OBJECTIVE 2: Preserve and enhance built heritage

Q2: In all areas, some buildings are protected because they are listed or they exist within a conservation area. The draft plan includes a list of currently unprotected heritage buildings, which the councillors and volunteers believe should be conserved and/or enhanced if local developments are undertaken.

Are there any buildings in Eastburn, Steeton or Silsden that you believe should have special considerations when local developments are undertaken?

Please list your suggestions here.

OBJECTIVE 3: Preserve and enhance natural environment

Q3: There are many natural environmental assets in the area covered by The Neighbourhood Plan. The plan seeks to protect these assets, which include woodland, moorland, watercourses, walls and quarries and recommends that in situations where applications for development might have a negative impact, planning permission will be refused.

Do you believe that planning permission should be refused in all cases when damage to environmental assets is a possibility? *(please circle your answer)*

Yes No Don't Know

If you have answered NO, please say in what circumstance you think that environmental protection could be disregarded.

OBJECTIVE 4: Protect and promote a vibrant countryside

Q4: Much of the countryside in the neighbourhood is protected by Green Belt Policy but the draft plan seeks to ensure that the rural areas thrive and prosper. Would you support plans that will: *(please circle your answer)*

Help agricultural businesses thrive?

Yes No Don't Know

Encourage development of recreational facilities?

Yes No Don't Know

Promote tourism?

Yes No Don't Know

Use existing buildings for recreational, agricultural business and tourism purposes?

Yes No Don't Know

If you have answered No, in a few word, please say why you would not support plans to protect and promote a vibrant countryside.

OBJECTIVE 5: Provide suitable infrastructure for new developments

Q5: The draft plan demands that all new development should include suitable infrastructure for its needs and to lessen any impact it might have on the local community. Study the list below. These are the requirements considered by councillors and volunteers to be important considerations when new developments are considered.

- Site access: road capacity and public transport
- Accessibility to new developments for pedestrians, cyclists and the disabled
- Surface water drainage
- Expansion of local services to meet growing needs for health, education, recreation
- Good access for pedestrians and those with disabilities at the station

If there are other infrastructure issues that should be added please mention them here.

OBJECTIVE 6: Protect/enhance local centres and shopping areas

Q6: The draft plan seeks to allow retail development only in circumstances where it will not be detrimental to existing provision or increase the risk of social disturbance in residential areas. It seeks to support planning permission for the development and business uses listed below.

Silsden: Retail, financial and professional, restaurants and cafes, drinking establishments, community use, re-opening of public toilets, renovation, renewal and re-use of the Pavilion

Steeton and Eastburn: Retail, office, food and drink, community uses

If you think support for any of these is inappropriate in any of the locations could you please give your reasons here.

OBJECTIVE 7: Support economic growth and local employment

Q7: The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to support the growth and development of local businesses and has designated protection for employment purposes on some sites. The sites presently protected are listed below

- Eastburn Works
- Eastburn Mills
- Millennium Business Park
- Waterloo Mill
- Riverside Works
- Belton Works
- Steeton Grove
- Silsden Rural Business Park

If there are other sites you feel should be protected for employment use, please list them here.

OBJECTIVE 8: Support improvement to transport network

Q8: The Neighbourhood Development Plan concentrates on specific local transport needs. These might be related to new developments or issues that have been raised by community members during the preparation of the plan.

Please consider the list below.

- Silsden and Skipton bus service improvement
- Elliot Street/Keighley Road (Silsden) junction improvements
- Silsden local centre junction improvements
- Designation of Sykes Lane as a protected 'quiet lane'
- Improvement to walking and cycling access to Silsden/Steeton Station
- Improved car parking at Silsden/Steeton Station
- Pedestrian/cyclist bridge over A629
- Support for transport interchange/rail and bus hub at Steeton and Silsden Station

*Are there any other transport network problems that you think should be added?
Please list your suggestions here.*

OBJECTIVE 9: Protect/enhance community and recreation facilities

Q9: The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to ensure that community assets (church halls, gyms, nurseries, playing field etc) **will be protected in the face of development and improved to meet local needs.** *If you feel that there are 'community assets' in your neighbourhood, that should be protected, please list them below?*

Q9a: Should proposals for change of use for community assets (eg: church halls or recreational areas) **be considered if the proposals include:** *(please circle your answer)*

- Alternative equivalent or enhanced provision within the area?
Agree Disagree Don't Know
- Evidence is produced that there is no longer a need for the asset?
Agree Disagree Don't Know

In what circumstance would you consider that the loss of a community asset was acceptable? Please give details.

OBJECTIVE 10: Support tourism growth and development

Q10: The Neighbourhood Development Plan seeks to develop tourism in the area within the neighbourhood boundaries but is constrained by Green Belt policy as set out in national planning guidance.

It supports proposals for

- further development at Steeton Hall
- introduction of new bed and breakfast accommodation
- diversification of existing rural business
- development of the canal area in Silsden
- promotion of walking and cycling by improving footpaths and rights of way

If you can think of other ways to increase tourism, please list your own ideas for tourism development below.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

- 1 Are you (please circle)
Male Female
- 2 Where you (please circle)
Born in the UK Born in another country (if so say where)
- 3 Please circle your age group
18 – 25 26 – 40 41 – 55 56 – 67 68 or over
- 4 Do you live in
Silsden Steeton Eastburn Elsewhere
- 5 Do you work in
Silsden Steeton Eastburn Elsewhere NA
- 5a If you are employed, how many miles do you travel to work?
Under a mile 1- 3 miles 4 – 10 over 10
- 5b If you travel more than a mile to work, how do you travel?
On foot By bus By car By train NA
- 6 If you travel to Steeton, Silsden or Eastburn to work please say where you travelled from
- 7 Do you have a disability that has an impact on your mobility?
Yes No
- 8 Do you have children under 18?
Yes No If yes, say how many. _____
- 9 Do you have children who are over 21 living with you?
Yes No If yes, say how many _____

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