



Newsletter from the Kelbrook and Sough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

March 2022

This is the sixth newsletter that has been distributed by the Kelbrook and Sough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

After 3 years of work, we have finally submitted the Neighbourhood Plan to Pendle Council. They will manage the remaining stages.

Why Do We Need a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Neighbourhood Plan covers more than just the housing requirement. It defines our Parish and how we would like to see our Parish develop in the future. Kelbrook and Sough have a rich history and so we believe it is important to bring out its character. This led us to write a Character Assessment (an Appendix to the main Neighbourhood Plan) which describes the Parish in some detail.

1. Submission Consultation

There are two documents which have been submitted, as required, to the Council. These are the Neighbourhood Plan and the Appendices. Both are easily available on the Parish website at <http://www.kelbrookandsoughparishcouncil.uk/>. Look under Neighbourhood Plan and then Submission

The Submission Consultation, which is organised by Pendle Council, will run for 7 weeks, ending on 25th April 2022. You can make comments on the Plan and all its appendices as defined by Pendle Council

2. Examination of the Plan

This is conducted by an independent examiner who will be appointed from a list of previously approved people provided by the Council.

3 The Referendum

Once the examination has been completed the Referendum will be held, probably at sometime this summer.

It is vitally important that as many people as possible participate in this and vote for the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan. As long as more than 50% of those who vote, vote to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan then it will be adopted and will become a part of the planning process for any future development in the Parish.

Further information about the documents

The main document is the Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan and there are a number of Appendices to support the information in the Plan and these can all be downloaded

separately. One of these is the Character Assessment that describes the Parish and it's history in more detail. We have also written a Consultation Statement following the pre-submission consultation held last year and a Basic Conditions Statement which explains how our policies meet the planning conditions. These are required documents when a Neighbourhood Plan is submitted.

Communications

This newsletter is part of the Communications strategy to reach as many people in the Parish as possible and further newsletters will be sent out over the next few months. We will be updating the Parish website <http://www.kelbrookandsoughparishcouncil.uk/>, to provide more information as well as having a Facebook group, Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan.

Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council is a civil local authority and is the lowest tier of local government. The Council has responsibility for a number of Community assets to ensure the well being of the local Community. One of it's responsibilities is the production of the Neighbourhood Plan which is being undertaken by a Steering Group.

We urgently need some more Councillors to help the existing Council who have been in post for a number of years. If we do not manage to elect some more Councillors, then it is possible that Kelbrook and Sough would come under the management of another Council such as Earby.

The work of a Councillor is unpaid and requires a few hours a month which includes attending Council meetings. If you would be interested in supporting your Community by becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Chair, Christine Durance at c_durance@hotmail.com or 07979886725

Kelbrook and Sough have a vacancy for the Parish Council Clerk. This is a paid, administrative role and is the 'engine' of an effective Council. Key responsibilities are managing the Council's financial affairs, receiving and responding to correspondence, ensuring meetings are minuted and the Minutes distributed, the website is maintained and up to date. Training is available for someone wishing to undertake this role. If you would be interested, please contact Garry Wilson at garryandaudreywilson@gmail.com, tel: 07711623311

If you have any questions about the plan or this newsletter, please contact Debbie Richardson (Chair of Steering Group) at kelbrook.consulting@gmail.com tel: 01282 843004 or Garry Wilson (vice-chair of Steering Group and Parish Council member) garryandaudreywilson@gmail.com, tel: 07711623311.