



Salhouse Neighbourhood Plan Update

From the last edition of Saga you will recall that most support from the various consultations we have held was for proposals on the environment, sheltered housing and linking the two parts of Salhouse more effectively. There were also ideas on the design and density of any further housing, inclusion of ‘starter’ homes and more use of the playing field as a village facility. It was accepted that there was not much scope for provision of further employment within the village.

Salhouse 2020+ has now almost completed drafting policies on the environment and employment and has had several meetings with Broadland District Council to ensure that what is being proposed is allowable under Neighbourhood Plans (there are fairly tight criteria as to what can and cannot be included). We are now involved in the rather complex and technical part of drafting the plan – the Spatial Scoping Report and the Sustainability Appraisal. It has been suggested that we complete these documents before finalising the remaining policies on housing and linking the two parts of the village.

The Spatial Scoping report is basically a detailed description of Salhouse, what we are seeking to achieve with the Neighbourhood Plan and why.

The Sustainability Appraisal is a detailed document to confirm that all policies have been checked against and are in compliance with higher level planning criteria and requirements e.g. Joint Core Strategy, Broads Authority plans, Natural England etc. etc.

A small working party is dealing with these documents and, once they are completed, we will finalise the remaining draft policies. The document will then be put before the Parish Council for formal approval.

We will then hold a further ‘open day’, the draft plan having been made available for residents to see and comment upon, before it is finally sent to BDC to seek approval from various regulatory authorities and submission to an independent examiner.

Once all these hurdles are cleared, the plan will be put to the village for approval by means of a referendum. If passed, the plan then becomes a legal document and part of the local development plan for our village.

We would like to think that we can achieve all of this by the end of the year.