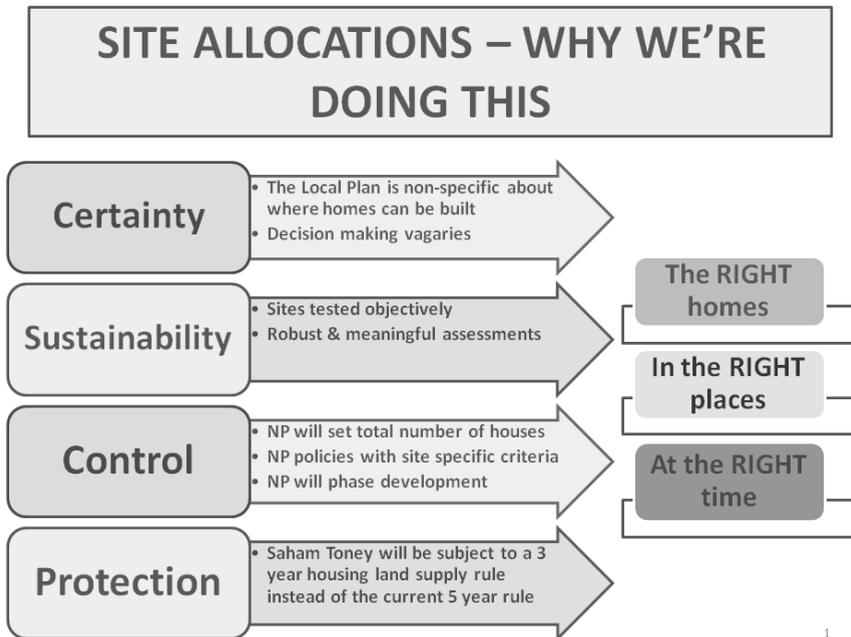


Saham Toney Neighbourhood Plan

Shaping the future of Saham Toney!

Do you want to know how many new homes have been proposed as site allocations and where?

If you were unable to attend our presentation in December you can find the information on our website - just go to the **consultations tab** then select **site allocations**. The graphic below summarises **why** we plan to allocate sites:



I would like to make as clear as I can that right now the 16 sites put forward **are just proposals** and we are not in a position yet to tell you which will end up in the Plan. The number of houses suggested for each site is a maximum, not necessarily a final number even if a site is allocated. We are villagers like you, and understand very well the constraints on development in Saham - such as flood risk, the nature of our roads, and the lack of services, etc. We're working on the Plan because we all want to protect the village from uncontrolled and inappropriate development, so please rest assured that by allocating sites **we are not** "inviting developers in to spoil the village", as has been suggested to me. Conversely we do support the principle of good development and giving others the chance to live in Saham or for our

youngsters and others to stay here; so **we do not think** it's just a case of accepting "an absolute minimum number that we can get away with", as has also been suggested.

Although it may seem that only the number of new houses is important that is not the case, so please try to focus less on that and more on what the village can really sustain. That is what the independent site assessments will tell us, at which point we can start to think about which of the suitable sites we will allocate in the plan - allocation meaning those would be the sites that would be allowed, to the exclusion of others. And I'm pleased to say that Norfolk County Council flood and highways departments, and Anglian Water have agreed to add their expertise to the assessments.

There is a very delicate balance between how much development is allowed and how that might benefit the village. We will be continuing informal discussions with the site owners with a strong focus on what benefits their sites might be able to offer, while at the same time allowing them a reasonable profit. Those discussions are unconditional and **we will not be favouring anyone**. So again please don't think a discussion you might hear about us having about any particular site means that site is automatically going to be included in the Plan.

In parallel we also plan to get out and about and talk to as many villagers as possible about the site allocation process and other changes we are making to the Plan. Without being pushy we plan to visit clubs and other meeting places to give people a chance to engage with us. If you'd like to talk to us on a one to one basis, or in a small group, just let me know and we'll arrange something that's convenient for you.

As usual, if you have any comments or questions on any of this, or anything else to do with the Neighbourhood Plan, or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please get in touch with me.

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