

Saham Toney Neighbourhood Plan

Over the last month we've ticked off a number of tasks that have been going on for some time:

- The updated version of our housing needs assessment is complete and the Parish Council will be asked to adopt it at its 1 June meeting, after which we'll publish it on our site;
- All accepted comments and study results to date have been incorporated in the Plan, which now awaits the results of final studies and reviews to confirm it's complete;
- The second stage of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been completed and identified the relative merits of five options for the amount of new housing development, ranging from 34 minimum to a maximum of 107. We've used the report to help us decide which option to continue with, and that option will now be assessed for acceptability against a series of environmental objectives and issues. In parallel the final stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is underway.
- The transport study has been formally accepted by the Parish Council and Breckland Council will be asked to refer to it when making planning decisions.

So as mentioned last month, in the normal course of events we would arrange a village event to update you all on the last 9 months work. Since a public meeting is out of the question for now, instead we're putting the finishing touches to a set of slideshow presentations that we'll make available at www.stnp2036.org once complete and after the Parish Council has first look at them. We'll announce their publication by email to our mailing list, on our Facebook page, via Nextdoor, and on the home page of our website. If possible, later we'll arrange an online Q&A session for any villagers who want to know more.

As usual, if you have any comments or questions on any of this, or the Neighbourhood Plan in general, or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please get in touch with me. **Most importantly, stay healthy and safe!**

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Shaping the future of
Saham Toney!**