



The Parish of
Caton-with-Littledale

A Neighbourhood Plan for Caton-with-Littledale?

9 October 2015

What we plan for this evening

- Short presentation about Neighbourhood Planning (NP)
- Talk about Wray's experience of working on a Neighbourhood Plan (NP)
- Time for you to put forward your ideas about what you hope the NP might achieve
- Summary of discussion and next steps
- *Sheets with further information available*
- *Forms to complete to volunteer or just be kept informed – if we go ahead*

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Introduced by Localism Act 2011
- Statutory weight
- Community-led
- Wishes on for instance:
Housing/Employment/Leisure/Retail/Transport
- Shaping **not** stopping development
- Must conform to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Lancaster and Lancashire local plans

What steps are involved?

- Designation
- Prepare NP
- Consult
- Submit to Lancaster City Council (LCC)
- LCC checks and consults
- Formal independent examination
- Referendum in the village
- If agreed – LCC “makes the plan”

Where are we now?

- Caton-with-Littledale Parish Council has been “designated” to lead on the NP for our area
- Visit from a consultant from Locality in March/April to advise on the NP process
- Several councillors visited the NP display in Wray in July or attended their committee meeting
- Now need to decide whether to commit to doing the NP

Costs

- £2000 allocated for NP in PC budget for 15/16
- Grants available to help pay for consultants, printing, materials, room hire etc
- Most of the work done by volunteers – management of the project/ surveys/ focus groups/ photos/ interviews / drawing maps/ keeping accounts/ coming along to meetings with ideas and encouragement!
- Consultant for professional and technical support

Advantages and disadvantages

Statutory force

Focus on what people
who live or work in the
village want to see
happen

Community engagement

Training and skills
development for
volunteers

Need a clear vision

Has to be consistent with
local and national plans

Does not stop
development

Huge investment of time,
energy and resources

Can take years

Your ideas....



What next?

- Take to Parish Council this Tuesday to decide whether to proceed
- If agree to proceed form Management Group – to include councillors but mainly others
- Meanwhile please complete expression of interest forms or email us
- catonnp@gmail.com

Lancaster City Council Consultation

Lancaster City Council expects to have to plan for around 9,500 new jobs and 13,000 new homes up to 2031

Find out more on the web or go to meetings:

Ellel Village Hall 20/10 2pm-7pm

Dolphinholme Village Hall 21/10 2pm-7pm

Lancs & Morecambe College 22/10 2pm-7pm

Carnforth Heritage Centre 27/10 2pm-7pm

Slyne Memorial Hall 28/10 2pm-7pm

Lancaster Methodist Church on Scotforth Road 29/10 2pm-7pm

Thanks

- To Kirkwells for permission to adapt their slides
- To the group of parish councillors who have been working on the NP