

East Leake Neighbourhood Plan

HAVE YOUR SAY

“It’s the Final Step”

PUBLIC REFERENDUM

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WHAT IS THE EAST LEAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

Neighbourhood Plans help communities influence planning in their local area. There are many across the country since the Localism Act of 2011, but East Leake's is the first in Rushcliffe and Nottinghamshire to reach referendum.

Planning decisions for East Leake are taken by Rushcliffe Borough Council in line with their local plan, but the Neighbourhood Plan has been created by East Leake's own residents, business owners and parish councillors. It will add 20 extra planning policies (like rules) that are specific to East Leake to the planning application process. The policies have been drawn up after extensive consultation and address the planning issues that concern local people. They won't affect past decisions, but must be taken as a material consideration by Rushcliffe in considering any future planning applications.

HOUSING POLICIES

The Neighbourhood Plan can't change the building work already approved, but from now on ...

H1	Addresses concerns about primary school places, health centre and sewerage to accompany any houses over the minimum 400
H2	Phasing of new homes and infrastructure throughout 2013 to 2028
H3	The mixture of home types built must reflect assessed needs
H4	Aircraft noise - assessment for measures to protect new homes
H5	Good design of housing, to national design guidance and standards
H6	Any new sites must be within 1.25km of village centre; must adjoin existing built up area; must be separated by open countryside from neighbouring villages; not over Gypsum mines; not on flood plain

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

B1	Encourage range of shops and services clustered in village centre
B2	Support small business and people working from home
B3	Support Gypsum site; protect residents from effects of new industry

TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC POLICIES

T1	New developments will include footpaths and cycle paths
T2	Improvements to existing footpath and cycle path network; links provided between any future building sites
T3	Building developments to contribute to improving public transport

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

E1	Protect the green ridges around the village and limit development west of the railway line
E2	Preserve wildlife sites and encourage new ones
E3	Protect open spaces in existing estates, and provide green spaces in new ones; preserve footpaths into the countryside; plant trees
E4	Protect six green spaces from building: Meadow Park; village green; Townlands Trust fields at the end of Gotham road; ridge and furrow field behind Potters Lane; the Rest Garden; the Glebe

LEISURE AND PLAY POLICIES

L1	Develop the central play area; provide play spaces and equipment in new housing sites; protect existing playing fields and playgrounds
L2	Protect allotments and where feasible provide new ones if needed

VILLAGE CENTRE POLICIES

V1	Use the village centre area only for shops, facilities etc that particularly need this location; improve the buildings here over time.
V2	Future improvements to the T-junction for pedestrians and traffic

The policies are summarised briefly above, but there is much more detail in the actual Plan, available on Rushcliffe's website along with supporting documents and the examiner's report at:

<http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning/>

WHAT DID THE EXAMINER SAY?

The Plan has passed an examination by a qualified independent examiner, whose job is to check that the Plan complies with various relevant UK and European laws. The examiner suggested some changes, and said that once these are made the Plan should proceed to referendum.

"The East Leake Neighbourhood Plan represents a thorough and comprehensive identification of the use of Neighbourhood Plan Policies to address issues of local concern in order to secure improvements across the Parish up to 2028."

WHY DOES THERE HAVE TO BE A REFERENDUM?

This is in the regulations, to make sure the Plan is what local people want. Rushcliffe gets a grant from the Government to run the referendum and it is the last step in the process which you have been contributing to over the past couple of years. You'll be asked to vote **YES OR NO** to the question:

“Do you want Rushcliffe Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for East Leake to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

If more than half of the people who vote say “Yes”, the Plan will come into effect, and the policies will be used to decide planning applications for East Leake in future. It is important for you to use your vote, either Yes or No, to express your view about this.



**EAST LEAKE REFERENDUM
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