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## East Leake Community Planning Group Workshop 2: Creating a Neighbourhood Plan

Saturday 28 April 2012, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Baptist Church, Costock Road, East Leake, LE12 6LY

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>Creating well-designed housing and joining it all up for East Leake</b>
<b>Key points of the day:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The principles of good housing design</li> <li>• Tools for evaluating design quality in housing</li> <li>• The importance of vision statements</li> <li>• Using a spatial plan to bring together all the ideas and policies</li> </ul>
<b>Principal activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using Building for Life criteria to evaluate the design quality of housing areas</li> <li>• Preparing an outline of a vision statement for East Leake</li> <li>• Producing an outline design framework</li> </ul>
<b>Learning outcomes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes a well designed housing development</li> <li>• Essential stages in producing a neighbourhood development plan</li> <li>• How join up ideas in a spatial plan</li> </ul>

### Programme

9.45	Tea/coffee available on arrival. Participants arranged in groups of about 6-8 at tables in the church. Each group will be provided with a facilitator.
10.00	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction from the Chair</b> ~ Conrad Oatey, Parish council</p> <p><b>Introduction to the day</b> ~ Andy Beard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap on previous workshop</li> <li>• Exercises will not produce a finished plan but will demonstrate some of the processes that will need to be followed</li> </ul>
10.05	<p><b>Principles of good housing design</b> ~ Andy Beard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of site analysis and responding to context</li> <li>• Site planning, accessibility, permeability and connectivity</li> <li>• Patterns of development, built form and density</li> <li>• Building types and flexibility</li> <li>• Materials, detail and context</li> <li>• Incorporating sustainability</li> </ul>
10.25	<p><b>Building for Life (BfL) &amp; its role in delivering design quality</b> ~ Justine Leach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and explanation of the background to BfL and the evaluation criteria</li> <li>• Exploration of key aspects of BfL criteria that have greatest significance to rural housing</li> </ul>
10.45	<p><b>Exercise 1: Site visit to carry out BfL evaluation of two housing schemes in East Leake</b> ~ introduced by Justine Leach</p> <p>Carried out in groups using the community version of the BfL criteria. Groups walk to site and carry out evaluation together, and mark up the score-card on return to tables.</p>
12.15	<p><b>Feedback from exercise and discussion on use of BfL for future developments in East Leake</b> ~ introduced by Justine Leach</p>

12.30	Lunch
1.00	<p><b>Starting a 'spatial plan' for East Leake</b> ~ presentation and introduction to exercise by Andy Beard</p> <p>The afternoon session will bring together the principles identified in all the previous sessions and commence the process of producing a 'spatial plan' for East Leake.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key stages in producing a neighbourhood plan</li> <li>• The importance of a clear vision in plan making</li> <li>• Role of communities in developing design solutions – engaging local stakeholders in neighbourhood planning</li> <li>• Creating a 'spatial plan'</li> </ul> <p><b>Exercise 2:</b> Working in groups, this exercise will bring together the ideas from the previous session on improving the town centre and the discussions on housing design, as well as the information from the consultation day in February. It starts the process of creating an integrated spatial plan. The exercise is divided into three parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Think about a vision for East Leake.</b> This stage uses information derived from the Consultation Day earlier in March, and any other available information, such as Rushcliffe Borough Council's 'Fresh Approach' campaign. From these, identify some key issues and priorities that the Neighbourhood Plan should address.</li> <li>2. <b>Produce an issues/constraints plan for the village.</b> The aim of this stage is to record all the key issues you think need to be addressed in East Leake on a physical plan of the whole village. This will help you understand how the different issues relate to each other, and how they impact on physical character of East Leake.</li> <li>3. <b>Develop proposals that address these issues.</b> The final stage of the exercise involves the first steps in creating proposals for East Leake. Again, your ideas should be presented on a plan of the village so you can see how they all link together physically</li> </ol>
3.15	<p><b>Feedback from groups and discussion of key points for the Neighbourhood Plan</b> ~ introduced by Andy Beard</p>
3.45	<p><b>Next steps: how can the Neighbourhood Development Plan for East Leake be carried forward?</b> ~ led by the Neighbourhood Planning sub-group</p>
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