

## NP4Yaxham Report to Parish Council 15.09.2016

Our Yaxham Neighbourhood Plan is now in Breckland Council's hands for the formal consultation which started on 9<sup>th</sup> September and runs until 5 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

The Parish Council has a full set of the Plan and all accompanying documents and we have a copy of The Plan for each councillor.

Newsletter 4 has been delivered to each household in the parish advising that the full Plan may be seen in the Church or School foyer and how to respond to the consultations.

After this consultation, The Plan together with the comments and the Working Group's response to the comments will then go to the Independent Inspector who will look through the whole Plan and all the documentary evidence and then make his/her own comments.

As you will appreciate this has involved a lot of printing and we have a statement for printing in July and August from EOE for the preparation and submission of the Plan to Breckland for payment this evening.

In the meantime we take every opportunity to make the case for the village to remain small and rural as the consultation clearly showed that was what residents wanted.

A good number of email responses from residents about LSC status were sent to Cllr Paul Claussen who was able to wave them to the Cabinet meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> August as well as putting our view.

Peter Lowings and Maggie Oechsle had been invited to make the case at the Breckland Cabinet meeting that Local Service Centre status was not appropriate for a small village with a diminishing number of local services. Members of the Working Group and local residents also attended the meeting which showed Breckland Cabinet members the level of concern among residents.

The Breckland consultation on its preferred sites, including the new site on Norwich Road starts on 19<sup>th</sup> September. This is also a further opportunity to argue strongly for Yaxham not to become a LSC (in which case the Norwich Road site would not apply). It is really important for each and every single person to respond to the Breckland consultation. We have found that strength in numbers and emails/letters to Breckland are very important factors.

Maggie Oechsle

Chairman NP4Yaxham

(Apologies for not attending this PC meeting)