



## Future Development in Newton

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More than 60 villagers packed the village hall on 25th July to take part in very constructive conversations about the Babergh Local Plan and how this may affect the village for future developments. The event was arranged by the Parish Council to gather views in order to inform the development of supplementary planning guidance - local policies which assist planning professionals and developers in considering what constitutes acceptable development in our village.

What was very clear was that the village continues to exhibit the same views as during the 2011 Parish Plan consultation: Newton recognises its housing needs and is prepared to be accommodating to those needs. Whilst the views expressed were naturally broad, some running themes were apparent:

1. Smaller properties are needed. Whether it be older people wishing to sell large houses and privately buy bungalows, or affordable housing for young villagers wanting to stay within their own community, the preference appears to be for these rather than more 4 -5 bed homes.
2. Quality mustn't be compromised. Whilst smaller, affordable homes are the preference, the message that these must be quality builds and not cheaply thrown up was every bit as strong.
3. Small-scale is good. Acceptance that infill developments are possible is one thing - there was no appetite for any large-scale development.
4. Frontage onto the A134 isn't the only option. Whilst several potential sites on the A134 were identified by villagers as, on the face of things, worth consideration for development, both Rectory Road and Church Road had sites for small developments. This is useful as apparently suitable sites can be discounted on all manner of technical reasons, long before the process of getting planning permission begins.
5. The big issue, mentioned at every table in the hall, was the impact on the village of the speed and volume of traffic on the A134. With other large-scale developments nearby, regardless of what happens in Newton, the A134 is only going to get busier. Through the 'Community Infrastructure Levy' new developments can bring funding to address these issues, and address them they must - with careful thought about the order in which things are done - infrastructure improvements such as pavement widening, junction improvement and speed controls are the 'price' Newtonians want for doing their bit towards Babergh's housing requirement to accommodate both new development proposals and, at the same time, retain the character of this lovely village.

The Parish Council wants to record a huge thank-you to everyone who attended and those who contributed their views to Councillors ahead of the meeting. We have compiled the results and will use them to work with Babergh planning officers to develop a document to guide future development in Newton. This is only the first stage of the process and given both the level of interest and quality of contributions, it goes without saying that Councillors will want to keep villagers engaged as things move forward.

# In Brief

## Fireworks 2015



The Newton Fireworks are being held again this year in the playing field on **Saturday 7th November 2015**. Tickets for the event will be available in September so watch out for more information on the notice boards and on the website.

Residents with firewood for the bonfire should contact Lee Parker in the first instance regarding collection.

## Autumn Clean - 24th October 2015

NPC will again be holding an Autumn Clean around the village on Saturday 24th October between 8.30am and 10am. If you can spare an hour or so please come down to the Village Hall where the litter picking equipment and hi-vis jackets will be provided but please bring your gloves. **Bacon rolls will be served to those taking part.**

## eAroundtheGreen

Newton Parish Council provides an email distribution of its notices, publications and events to residents who sign-up to receive the service. Please email [dave.crimmin@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.crimmin@btinternet.com) or use the registration page on the Parish Council pages of the Newton website [newton.onesuffolk.net](http://newton.onesuffolk.net)

## Safer Neighbourhood Team

Newton is policed by the Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team. You can contact the team by ringing **101** or email

[baberghwest.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:baberghwest.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk).

The Safer Neighbourhood Team's website [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) also contains some useful information and links for problem reporting. Remember that in the case of an emergency ring **999**.

## NPC Meetings

The Parish Council normally holds its meetings on the second Wednesday on alternate months starting in January.

The meetings are held in Newton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm and the remaining meetings in 2015 are:

**9th September**

**11th November.**

The Public and Press are invited to attend with the Public Forum being held at the start of each meeting. All Newton residents are encouraged to attend.

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on **Wednesday 22nd April**.

For further information please look at the Parish Council page on [newton.onesuffolk.net](http://newton.onesuffolk.net)

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