

RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION ON BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN 2035

What is the consultation proposing for Renhold?

The Local Plan document, which is now out for consultation again, is proposing **NO HOUSING ALLOCATION FOR RENHOLD**. The previously proposed allocation of 500 houses in the Salph End part of the village has been removed.

Whilst this is very pleasing, there are still a number of processes that have to take place. The Parish Council will be monitoring these very closely, as there are opportunities for the new Local Plan document to change.

As a resident what should I do?

It is vital that residents continue to engage with this public consultation and have their say. Just because Renhold is not specifically named in this document with an allocation for development, please do not think that the village is 'safe'. It is equally important now, during this second stage of consultation for residents to communicate their thoughts to the Borough Council.

What is the best way to respond?

The consultation runs until **Monday 5th March at 5pm**. Again, individual consultation responses will have more weight than group letters or petitions. The more responses the better, as this will show that Salph End and Renhold do not need development.

There are a number of questions on the consultation response form. However, you do not have to answer every question. The online response form is quite complex. Please do not be put off by this. The Borough Council asks that responses are submitted on the consultation response form. Pages 1-4 ask for stakeholder information, Page 5-8 are where your views and comments need to go. If you feel Renhold should NOT receive development, at Salph End, or anywhere else, then you would be in agreement that the Local Plan 2035 that has been prepared is fundamentally sound. You are able to attach additional comments to your submitted representation if you wish as well.

The response form can be completed by:

- Download and completing the online form
- Submitting your completed online response to **planningforthefuture@bedford.gov.uk**
- OR by completing a paper version of the response form and posting it to: Local Plan 2035, Planning Policy Team, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP.

Please remember all responses should be made on the official form and returned by 5pm on Monday 5th March 2018.

Where can I find out more?

There is lots of supporting information on the Borough Council's website at www.bedford.gov.uk/localplan2035

However, below is a summary of where the document proposes development will be in and around Bedford through to 2035. A minimum of 7,820 new dwellings will be allocated and distributed as follows in the current Local Plan:

- Bedford urban area: 2,420 dwellings
- Urban extensions: 210 dwellings (please note this does not include Salph End)
- Stewartby strategic brownfield allocation: 1,000 dwellings
- Colworth garden village: 2,500 dwellings in the Plan period
- Key service centres: 1,500 dwellings (Clapham, Bromham, Great Barford)
- Rural service centres: 225 dwellings (Carlton, Harrold, Milton Ernest, Oakley, Roxton, Turvey)

What happens next?

The Borough Council will use your comments to help finalise the Local Plan 2035 document. This will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for formal examination. This is expected to be done by the end of March 2018. A formal public examination will take place after that.

What is the Parish Council doing about this?

The Parish Council has always strongly objected to the previously proposed development of Renhold, which would significantly change the rural nature of the village. The Parish Council have continued to monitor the Borough Council updates very closely and have kept residents updated regularly through the Parish Council website, door to door flyers, Parish Council meetings, and the village circulation list. The Parish Council would like to thank those who took the time to respond to the last consultation document. With over 200 responses from parishioners in objection to development and a number of fundamental planning policy discrepancies highlighted by the Parish Council, it has been pleasing to see that Borough Council Officers are now in agreement that Salph End is not a suitable site for developing. The Parish Council has already scrutinised this substantial consultation document and the significant number of supplementary planning policies. An extensive summary document has been prepared to allow the Parish Council to continue to ensure that development does not come to Renhold.

How do I contact the Parish Council?

If you would like more information or if you have any questions or comments about this, then you can contact the Parish Clerk, Lizzie by email: lizzie_barnicoat@hotmail.com or on 01234 771702