



Neighbourhood Plan 4 Yaxham Newsletter

Issue 18

Yaxham – One Community – One Village – One Plan

Breckland Local Plan Consultation Underway

A public consultation is now underway to gather people's views on proposed changes to Breckland Council's draft Local Plan. When adopted, the plan will act as a blueprint for the district's growth through until 2036.

The council's draft plan was assessed between April and September last year by an independent planning inspector who has suggested a number of amendments, known as Main Modifications, to ensure the final version of a local plan is sound. The six week public consultation is on these proposed changes and will be taken into account by the planning inspector for his final report later this year.

The documents can be seen on the Council's website www.breckland.gov.uk/article/2956/Consultation or www.breckland.gov.uk/article/7344/Examination-Documents with the reference EX.121 onwards.

These can also be seen at Breckland Council's office on Walpole Loke, in Dereham. Comments can be submitted via the council's website at <http://consult.breckland.gov.uk/portal> or emailed to programme.officer@breckland.gov.uk or in writing to The Local Plan Programme Officer, Breckland Council, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk NR19 1EE.

Responses to the consultation should be submitted before 5pm on 1 April 2019. Please copy your comments to np4yaxham@gmail.com or to NP4Yaxham C/O Frogs Hall Farm, Cutthroat Lane, Yaxham Norfolk NR19 1RG

Local Plan Consultation – Key Issues to consider

On first review of the Local Plan Main Modifications Document Ex123, there are a number of issues for note & consideration:

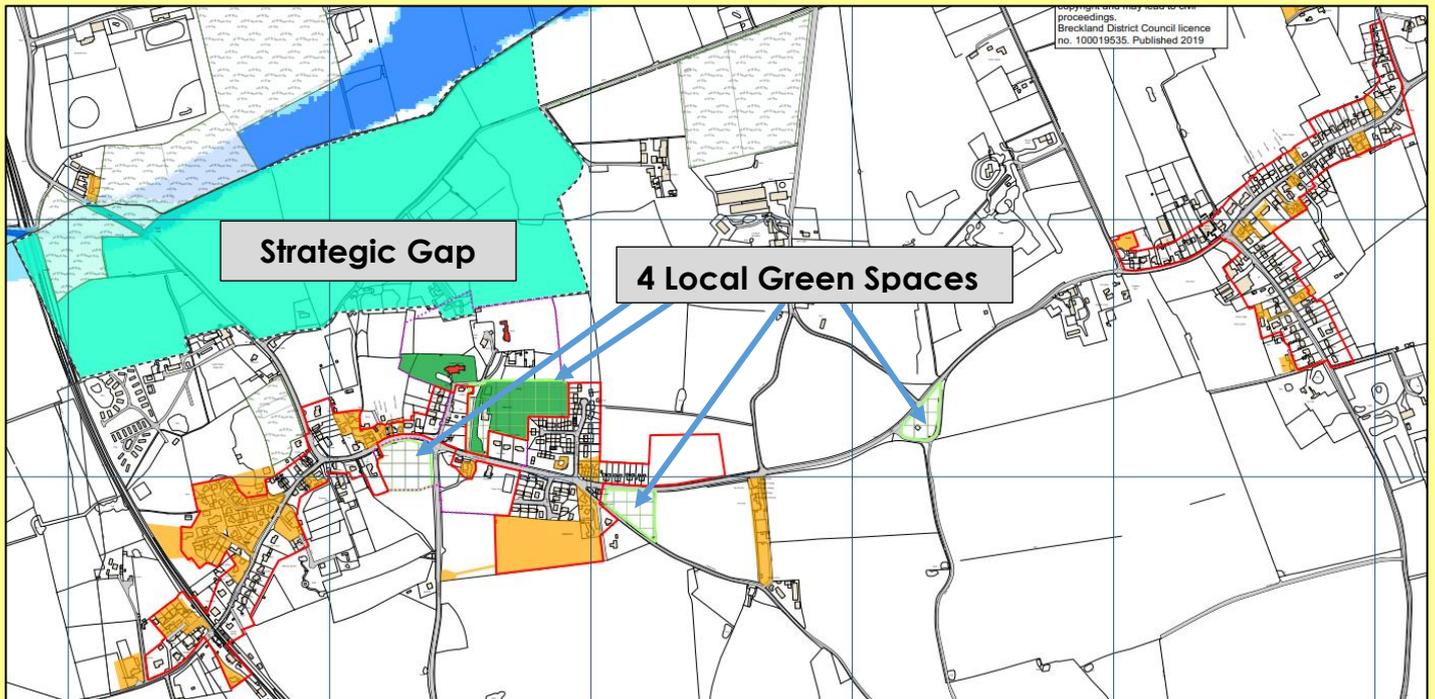
1) In the General Principles Policies, policy GEN03 allocates each town and village to a place in a district-wide "settlement hierarchy". Breckland tried to move Yaxham from a rural Village to being the infamous Local Service Centre (LSC) with all the additional allocated new housing that goes with being an LSC. All the NP4Yaxham consultation feedback from throughout the village said you didn't want this. We won that battle with Breckland in 2017, but thanks to Cllr Dimoglou, we had to fight that battle all over again throughout 2018 in front of the Local Plan Planning Inspector – & we won again.

Yaxham and Clint Green are set as villages with settlement boundaries – therefore Yaxham Parish is not down as a LSC. If you agree then please respond to the consultation saying so.

2) Housing Policy 02 and 05 appear to include **Brakefield Green** as "not classed as small villages and hamlets and "are considered as lying in open countryside ... and... are unlikely to be considered acceptable [for development]." *If you agree then please respond to the consultation saying so.*

3) In Housing Policy 04 caps the cumulative increase in development for Yaxham at "not **significantly** increasing by more than 5%". They say Yaxham has 363 homes within settlement boundaries – we say 304 and are challenging Breckland to explain the difference – *watch this space.*

Breckland Local Plan includes the Neighbourhood Plan's Strategic Gap & 4 Local Green Spaces



The Red Lines are the proposed new settlement boundaries for Yaxham and Clint Green

OTHER NEWS:

- **The Parish Charity** has made a grant to the YVAA for £22,280 i.e. 50% of the projected costs for upgrading the Village Hall's electrics to 3 phase, the toilets, kitchen floor and a water softener. A further grant application is with Breckland for 30%, with the balance from YVAA funds & fund-raising. YVAA have set up a "Just Giving" website for anyone wishing to make donations towards the refurbishment – all donations welcome: www.justgiving.com/yaxhamvillageamenities.
- **The YVAA** has secured a grant of £975 from the "One Stop Shop Carriers for Causes" plastic bag fund for a Memorial Garden where the trees have been cleared at the front of the Hall.
- **2nd Thursday Community Café** is going from strength to strength in the Community Room at the Village Hall. The next dates are: 14th March and 11th April, from 10am-Noon.
- **Poppy Appeal.** The door-to-door collection in November 2018 raised £320.08. Thank you to everyone who contributed.
- **Konectbus 17 bus service is being Stopped.** On 31st March 2019 this service stops. It operates on Tuesdays and Fridays, Bradenham to/from Dereham via Yaxham. If this affects you please let the Parish Council know so that we can respond to Norfolk County Council – email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.
- **The next Parish Council Meeting** is on **Thursday 28th March** (not 27th March as previously advertised), at 7.30pm at the Village Hall in the David Myhill Room. All welcome.
- **2nd May Local Elections** for our 2 Breckland Councillors and all 7 Parish Councillors. Hustings for the Breckland election is on Friday 12th April and for Parish election on Wednesday 17th April, both 7.30-9pm in the Village Hall – come and see who wants your vote and what they have to say.
- **WW1 Time Capsule** – this will be put in the base of the Village Sign. We are looking for your photos & memories of Yaxham a hundred years ago and now, and key moments in between – contact yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.

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