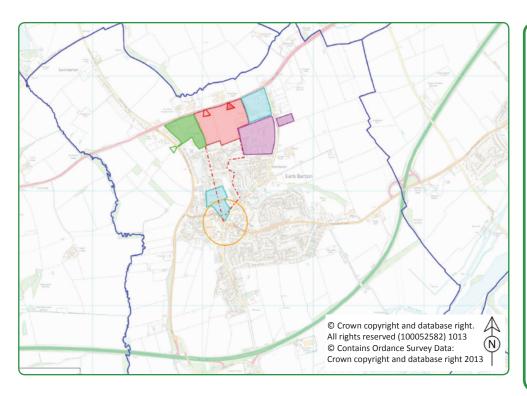


# Progress So Far... Preferred Option

## **HAVE YOUR SAY!**

## **Your Village - Your Future - Your Decision**

Following consultation earlier in the year on the Vision and Objectives for the Plan the Neighbourhood Plan team has taken on board your responses and has been working up a preferred option which will form the basis of the plan. Now is your opportunity to comment on whether this is the right approach and how the village can benefit from additional facilities and development.



## OPTION 2 PREFERRED AREA **FOR GROWTH** Housing/ Employment/Community Expanded Sports/ Leisure pitches Protected Open Space Existing **Employment** Vehicular access Access for Sports /leisure Pedestrian routes Village centre/ Conservation Area

### What the Preferred Option could provide...

- A medium level of growth (approx 250 houses)
- Affordable housing for local need
- Approx. 6ha of sports and leisure pitches
- Community Hall and additional employment land
- Controlled traffic impact on village
- Sustainable pedestrian links to centre
- Additional parking
- Additional population to sustain commercial activity
- Greater contributions for local services

WE NEED YOUR RESPONSES BY 15th OCTOBER 2013
Please complete the questionnaire and return in
the FREEPOST envelope or to the drop off points listed

## Your feedback from our 3rd Survey

We sent a questionnaire out to every home and those responding indicated that you generally supported the Vision and Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan. We have taken on board your comments and slightly changed some of the wording to make them more understandable and clear.

The strategic options obtained the following support from those that responded

- Option 1 Dispersed (Minimum Growth 50-100 houses) 29%
- Option 2 Northern Development (Medium Growth 150 250 Houses) 38%
- Option 3 Southern Development (Major Growth 200-400 Houses) 14%
- Option 4 Your Alternative Suggestions 12%

Some responses were left blank.

You also told us that the main issues affecting the village were (Ranked in order)

- Traffic & congestion
- Retaining the village atmosphere
- Parking problems
- School related issues
- Doctors and Healthcare



## **Revised Vision & Objectives**

## **Vision & Objectives to 2031**

Earls Barton will be a thriving community delivering greater access to local facilities and services for a growing population while maintaining its rural, village character.

- Ob1 Services: Improve residents' quality of life by improving the facilities and services within Earls Barton.
- Ob2 Development: Allow limited housing and commercial development to meet the needs of local people and increasing local employment opportunity while providing some degree of expansion.
- Ob3 Design: Protect and conserve the best heritage assets and environmental features within the Parish and promote high quality design in all new developments.
- Ob4 Getting Around: Improve the way we get around the village and to other areas by improved transport links, including routes for walking and cycling, and providing better parking and access to the centre of Earls Barton.

## **Preferred Option**

The Neighbourhood Plan is more than just allocating land for housing. While this is an important function of the plan it also considers local services, employment provision, community facilities and accessibility. We have taken what you have previously told us and sought to prioritise these issues through a series of sub-objectives. When we draft the plan we will develop policies to help address them. We would like your comments to see if you think we have covered all of the important issues and have dealt with them in an appropriate way through preferred option. **Please give us your views** 

## **Objective 1 - Services**

#### Sub Objectives:

- Support Earls Barton's Shops and Services
- Develop Sports and Leisure Facilities for all
- Create more community meeting space
- Support the redevelopment/expansion of the Infant and Junior schools

## **Objective 2 - Development**

#### Sub Objectives:

- Allocate 250 new dwellings
- Focus growth of the village around 'The Grange' – northern option.
- Allow in-fill development where appropriate – within existing village boundaries
- Provide a greater range of affordable and shared ownership housing
- Provide a range of different housing types across all tenures
- Maintain opportunities for small businesses within the village centre – promote a business centre for small and start up businesses

## Objective 3 - Design

#### Sub Objectives:

- Provide more open space sympathetically designed with new housing
- Protect existing heritage and village character
- New development should reinforce the character and quality of Earls Barton
- New Development should have an appropriate density and minimise the impact on street parking.

## **Objective 4 - Getting Around**

#### Sub Objectives:

- Ensure that major new development has direct access to main roads to minimise traffic congestion
- Integrate new housing into Earls
   Barton and the surrounding
   area with good pedestrian, cycle and
   bus connections
- Ensure that car parking within the village supports the vitality and viability of the village centre
- Improve public transport to better meet people's needs

For more information visit www.earlsbartonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

## **Preferred Option - Your Comments**

We need your comments to ensure that we develop our Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the views of the majority of the residents, businesses and other stakeholders within the village. Remember - we need to provide for the needs of the village over the next 20 years and therefore having no development is not an option we can choose. Housing requirements are derived from higher level plans and it is calculated that Earls Barton should accommodate a minimum of 250 dwellings over the next 20 years.

Please complete the following questions so that we can take these into consideration when drafting the plan and policies.

#### **Earls Barton Neighbourhood Plan - Preferred Option**

Please indicate your view by marking x in the column appropriate and write a comment in the spaces provided. Please use a further sheet of paper if necessary.

			YES	NO	NO VIEW
1.	Do you support the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and agree that any housing growth should be located on the periphery of the village with access onto major roads?				
2.	Do you agree with the sub objectives for the plan? Are there others which are of higher priority? Please state				
3.	Do you support the development of a small business centre or provision of more office space within the village and where would this be best located?  with the main development nearer to the village centre  Other, Please state				
4.	What level of housing density would you support on the new development site?*  Low (15-25dph) Medium (25-40) High (50dph+)				
5.	Do you support the development of a community hall/hub at the Grange site? Are there better alternative sites? Please state				
6.	Do you agree that properties within the village centre should/could provide wider opportunities for businesses and services?				
7.	Would you support additional parking close to the village centre if appropriate sites could be sought and funding is prioritised from developer contributions?  What other parking controls would you support?				
8.	Do you support the improvement of pedestrian and cycle routes through the village - especially from new development for better integration?				
Additional Comments:					
* Typical densities for different types of development - Terraced 60-80 units/ha Suburban semis 15-30 units/ha - new urban villages 25-125 units/ha (dph = Dwellings per Hectare)					
Name:		No personal information will be used or passed on to third parties by the Neighbourhood Plan Project Team or Earls Barton Parish Council			

#### Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

Please return by 15th October 2013 in the Freepost Envelope provided or hand write address

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