

Austrey Neighbourhood Plan

March 2024



What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.

They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.

Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

The adopted Austrey Neighbourhood Plan of 2017 is currently being updated through a formal review process.

Questionnaire – May 2023

A launch event was held and a questionnaire was circulated in which we asked residents to consider key issues and to identify village views that they wished to protect. These included views down into the village from the ring of hills surrounding our village; views across to the church, views from the Bishops Field towards the church and views from the village out to Warton.

Residents also suggested areas of local green space which they wanted protected. Those proposed included The Bishops Field, the old cricket ground (at the back of The Farthings) and the Playing Fields.

*Full details of the views and local green spaces can be found on the Austrey website: www.austrey.co.uk

WHAT'S DISCUSSED

WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING?

ISSUES QUESTIONNAIRE MAY 2023

Important village views and local green spaces identified

NWBC REQUIREMENTS

What North Warwickshire has outlined for Austrey in their Local Plan for the Borough

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY 2021

What housing villagers identified as being required

COMMUNITY ORCHARD

An initiative arising from the NP

NEXT STEPS



NWBC requirements

In North Warwickshire's Local Plan which was adopted in 2021, the Borough Council has to maintain a 5-year housing supply, which it is currently exceeding with a supply identified already going to 2033 and beyond.

The North Warwickshire Borough Council Local Plan does not allocate new housing sites within Austrey. It is accepted that there will be windfall development over the Plan period, but this will be assessed against the policies in the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan and will only be for a maximum of 9 dwellings which meet the policy criteria. Such sites intend to ensure the continued but sustainable growth of the Parish for the life of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Because of this, there is no need for a 'call for sites' where residents and landowners are asked to identify and send in potential sites around the village for residential development.

Housing Needs Survey 2021



A Housing Needs Survey was completed and from this it was identified that the only housing requirements in the village are for bungalows suitable for our current residents to downsize into from a family house, and also starter homes for young village people looking to get on the housing ladder.

Community Orchard

The suggestion of a community orchard came from the Issues Questionnaire, so funding from the King's Coronation Fund was applied for by members of the NP committee. We are delighted to say that this application was successful, and it has been planted in the green space between Orchard Close and Newborough Close.

An opening ceremony is in the early stages of planning for the orchard, along with a working group to overhaul the whole area - so watch out for further information on this.



Next steps:

- We are currently working with a consultant on design codes to which all new developments will have to adhere
- Once finalised, the NP will be completed and sent to NWBC for checking
- Further Village and statutory formal consultation to happen later this year

For further information please either speak to a member of the Parish Council, put a note in the Parish Council box on the side of the shop or email parishcouncil@austrey.co.uk