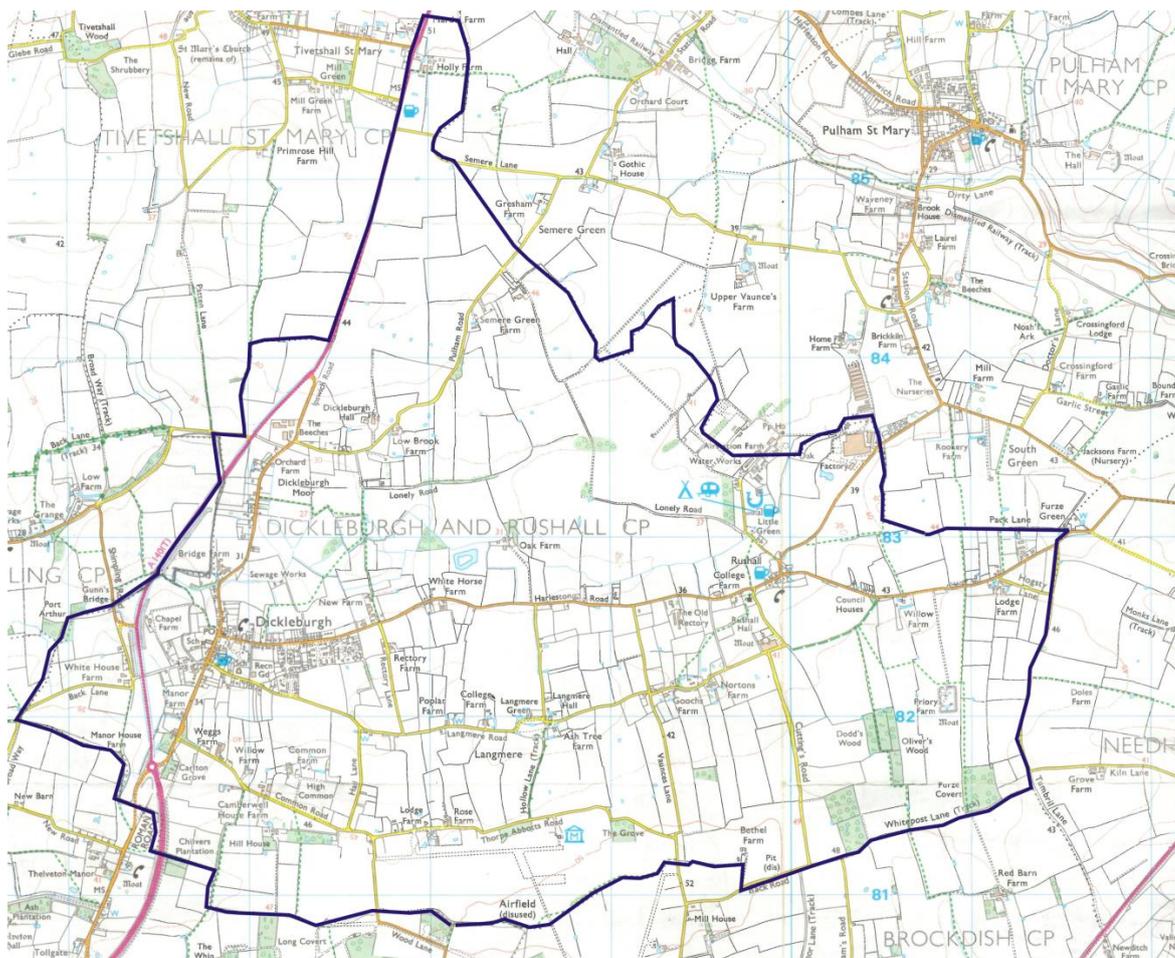


# Dickleburgh and Rushall Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## Spring 2019 Update

Map showing the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan



**27<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Dickleburgh Village Centre**

**11.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

Circumstances are changing. Norfolk as a county is under a great deal of pressure to expand its housing stock in order to increase its population and provide housing for those already here. The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) has identified the need to build 50,065 new homes (Reg. 18 Consultation Growth Options) of which between 50 and 60 of these homes have to be built in this parish. By creating a Neighbourhood Plan we will be able to identify the priorities of the residents of the parish and ensure they are properly observed and any development is truly in sympathy with the aspirations, needs, wants and dreams of the current residents of this parish.

### **Why we have applied to construct a Neighbourhood Plan**

The Dickleburgh and Rushall Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will give people in our two villages greater control over the way we grow and develop. Through our NP we will be able to determine where the new houses are built, provided we use assessment criteria set out by the GNLP. The last word may always be with the planning officers but they will need to identify reasons why they disagree with us. We will also have a much stronger voice on housing capacity and building styles. We can also provide evidence to support arguments around transport and transport issues. In addition, we can address the question of the infrastructure, green spaces and the environment in and around our villages. Without a Neighbourhood Plan, we are largely in the hands of the district council planning office and private developers.

This Neighbourhood Plan can only come into being with your support. South Norfolk will only accept a Neighbourhood Plan if it represents the wishes of residents.

### **The Neighbourhood Plan process so far..**

What we are trying to do, through the NP process is better understand and reflect the views of all parties that want to be heard in the parish. It does not matter what view you express. There may be many others who share your views. You may have an insight that no one has noticed. Your ideas could be the most valuable ideas in the parish. No one will know unless you share them. Please get involved and have your say.

#### **To date:**

- We have been involved in four open sessions at the Village Centre explaining what the NP is and why it is important.
- We have conducted two audits of views, one from a public meeting, and one from the questionnaire posted through all doors.
- We have attended South Norfolk and Broadland District Council training and met with employees of South Norfolk District Council, Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council.
- We are writing character descriptions of key roads and streets in Dickleburgh, Rushall and Langmere.
- We are gathering data about the parish from a wide variety of sources.

## Thoughts and concerns expressed by parish residents in 2017

Following the initial publication of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) process we held an open meeting at the Village Centre and asked residents their views. Over 100 residents attended. The following few pages are their considerations.

Below are some of **the key positives** about living in the Parish, identified by some of those attending the meeting.

**Harvey Lane** - Lovely country lanes. Pretty walks.

**Norwich Road** - Peaceful and quiet. Right number of properties with good range of styles and age. Dark skies at night.

**Rectory Road** - Easy access to the village shop. Can see the Moor (this was expressed many times). Views across the fields (this was expressed many times). Spaces between houses. Quiet back gardens.

**The Street** - The fact that it is a conservation area. It is the heart of the village of Dickleburgh. Access to the Shop and post office.

**Burston Road** - Quiet road. Good that it is a dead end.

**Harleston Road** - The rural nature of the road and environs. The fact that it is outside of the village is good. Good that there is no pavement, it adds to the rural nature of the road. Dark skies are good. Views across the fields.

**Catchpole Walk** - Good that it is quiet and peaceful allowing children to play on the street in safety.

**Limmer Avenue** - People are not overlooked. No through road. It is quiet and friendly

**Merlewood** - Quiet, not overlooked. There are good views over the countryside.

**Rectory Lane** - The rural nature of the road. It is a popular road for runners and dog walkers.

**Millers Drive** - Quiet and peaceful.

### Positive things said about Dickleburgh as a whole

It is a nice village with good views over fields. A friendly village. Good rural location. Quiet lanes to jog and walk. The Chip shop. The Village shop. Mixed housing. Open fields in all directions. Small developments not sprawling developments. Village Society. Village centre. Walks with open spaces.

### Positive things said about Rushall as a whole

Historic hedgerows. Views of the night sky. Quiet.

## How to improve the Parish – thoughts from the 2017 meeting

**Norwich Road** - Speed limiting / enforcement along the whole of the road.

**Rectory Road** – Stop on the road parking at junctions. Increase the paved areas on both sides of the road. Traffic calming measures (this was the second most common response) . More off road parking made available (a common response). Stop heavy traffic. Make the road better accessible for those with more diverse needs. Reduce the number of heavy lorries using the road (this was by far the most common response).

**The Street** – Prohibit vehicles over 50 tonnes. Effective speed limit.

**Burston Road** – Sensible planned housing programme rather than a piecemeal approach.

**Harleston Road** – 30 mph speed limit extended. Fewer Lorries. Pavement improved. Farm vehicles should travel slower on the road. Better connectivity. Less litter.

**Merlewood** – Do not build behind the current properties. If you stop Lorries using Rectory Road it would improve Merlewood.

**Rectory Lane** – speed limit enforced. Weight limit imposed and enforced. More public access to green spaces so people do not have to walk in the road.

**Harvey Lane** – left alone.

*It is not too late to add your views please leave your thoughts at the open session or alternatively contact any member of the NP team, or better still join us!*

## **2017 thoughts on how to improve the parish.**

### **Dickleburgh would be even better if...**

#### **Transport**

**Even better if ..**There was no parking in the Street. Traffic was better managed (this was a popular message) with more traffic control and speed checks. There needs to be a reduction in the amount of traffic on key roads and lanes. No Lorries should be driven through the village (this was a popular sentiment). Safer access for pedestrians. Some of the main roads were improved. No parking at the junction of The Street, Norwich Road and Rectory Road. There was a focus and creation of cycle ways. Improved pavement on the easterly side of Rectory Road.

#### **Housing**

**Even better if ..**Dickleburgh stays as a village and not become a small town or part of a greater urban sprawl. Any proposed building for the GNLP took place on the Ipswich Road. There were green spaces between house and housing groups. Housing is built with proper thought about where it is suitable and what we need.

All new housing more sensibly planned and not piecemeal. The land around the church will easily provide all the housing needed. Development can be restricted to the major roads with no development on the smaller roads. Development should be focussed in and around the village centre.

#### **Environment**

**Even better if ..**There were green spaces between housing groups. Public open spaces were provided for people to use. Dickleburgh needs more open community spaces. A footpath were created from the village centre to the school. Creation of cycle and walk ways in and through the village. Better identification of country walks

#### **Services**

**Even better if ..**The Public House was reopened (a popular sentiment). The parish would benefit if there were better and more sports facilities. There was improved access to medical care and supervision. A doctors surgery was built to service the parish (this was a very common sentiment). Youth services were improved and a youth club created. Increased activities for the elderly. Less litter. The school were able to serve all the children in the parish. There were opportunities for small business start-ups. There was an improved bus service. Improved pavement on the easterly side of Rectory Road. Improved sewage system. Better recreational facilities for young and old, including classes for adults.

### **Rushall would be even better if...**

There was a thriving pub

#### **General points**

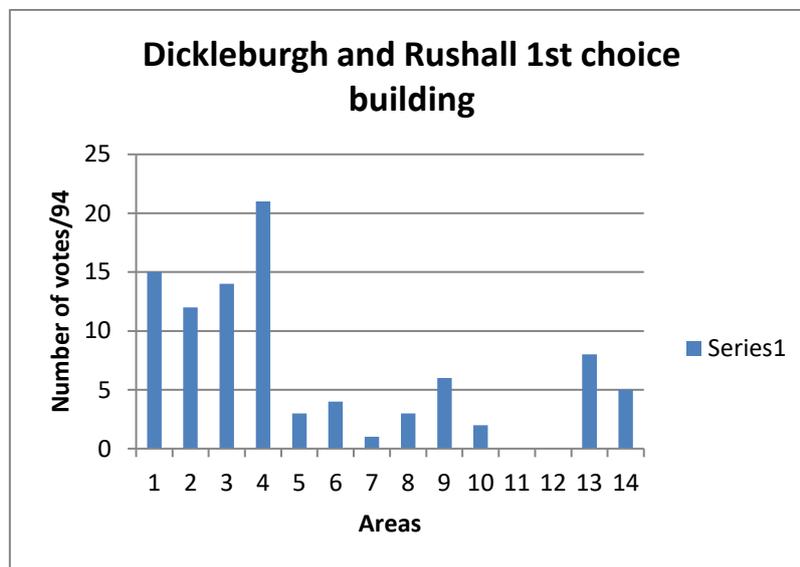
The two villages should stay distinct and separate with no urban sprawl or creep. Building behind Rectory Road toward the pumping station may be a disaster as the Moor floods. These fields and the area toward the Moor provide feeding grounds for birds of prey and bats. Concern expressed about the reduction of arable land as more and more land comes forward for potential development. Developers must deliver what the village wants, not what they assume we want. Ensure we maintain natural habitats.

## People of the parish voted on where, if development was coming, it should occur

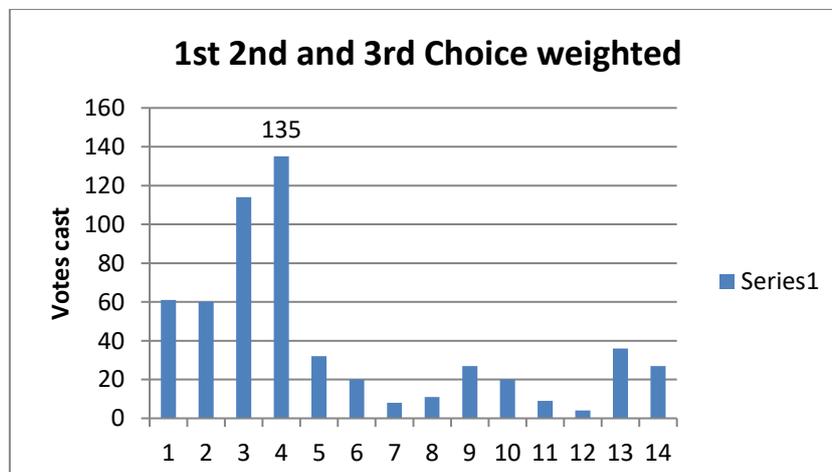
As a response to the GNLP call for sites, a large number of sites in the parish were put forward by land owners as possible sites for development. In May 2017 everyone in the Parish was invited by the Parish Council to view the map of the sites, contribute to the conversation and vote. The ballot was held at the public meeting. Those who could not attend the meeting were invited to send in their votes.

Each person was asked to provide 3 votes as first second and third choices. Below see the map of the sites and the graphs showing votes cast.

Graph showing peoples first choice for development locations



Graph showing choices if all 3 preferences were included. In order to satisfy the weighting between someone's preferred (first) choice, their second choice if first is unavailable and then third choice the graph has been weighted to reflect the significance of a first second or third choice.



## Map of the original Call for sites outcomes

Keith the map for this page is an additional attachment. The title on the map is

Future Development Plans for our village  
PDF site allocation 2017 A4L plain

## Dickleburgh and Rushall Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire results summary January 2019

During the Year 2018 the Dickleburgh and Rushall village questionnaire was conducted. This included posting questionnaires to every household on the electoral register. One to one interviews and advice, repeat visits to households to retrieve questionnaires.

There may be questionnaires still in the possession of households yet to be returned. As the questionnaires come in we will be adding the thoughts and comments to the final documentation. However, we feel we now have sufficient returns to go to the next stage. The questionnaire responses thus far, reflect the views of 261 residents from within the parish. This generated 2090 individual results that have been tabulated and now provide the spectrum of advice and guidance from the parish.

### **Below are the initial principle responses.**

A word of caution, at this stage simply because a suggestion was not universally made or populist does not make it less worthy than initial popular suggestions. As the process continues, other suggestions may still come forward and current suggestions may gain credence.

*The answers to the questions are ranked in order of popularity and only include the top 5 or 6 per question.*

#### **Q1. What transport controls would you like to see in your area?** 149 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Speed controls, weight controls, lorry restrictions, parking restrictions, concerns over The Street, Rectory Road, Rectory Lane, Semere Green Lane.

#### **Q2. Would you like one-way streets? If yes where? Or other traffic controls?** 95 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: No. Rectory Road, Harvey Lane, width controls, speed deterrents, Yes.

#### **Q3. What are your views on Housing numbers? Housing locations? Housing styles? Size of gardens?**

**Provision of car spaces?** 191+ separate responses

The most popular responses were: Off road parking, Bungalows, affordable housing, views over countryside from every home, larger gardens, development on the Ipswich Road, housing in keeping with the village styles.

#### **Q4. Do you have any particular environmental concerns about your area? If so, what are they?** 124

separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Dickleburgh Moor, Improve and develop ditches, farm land, Housing in sympathy with the environment, pollution, traffic, views.

#### **Q5. Do you have any solutions to any environmental concerns that could, or should be adopted by the Parish Council and planning authorities?** 78 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Maintaining the character of the village, issues around dog ownership and management, lorries, parking, litter and new homes

#### **Q6. Should there be an increase in areas dedicated to allotments? If yes, where would you like to see allotment development? Should land be set aside for any other community activity? If yes what and where?** 77 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Allotments on Harvey Lane, Rectory Road, Community orchard, only increase number of allotments if there is a demand, no.

**Q7. Should more footpaths be created? If yes where would you like to see footpaths? Any other thoughts on public access?** 98 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Better maintenance, cycle tracks, Harvey Lane pavement, yes.

**Q8. What are your concerns around the issue of conservation?** 89 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Around the Moor, Barn owls and bats, conserve area behind the Church, St Clements common, protect Norwich Road North side , East and West sides.

**Q9. Should the NP address protection of species? Any particular concerns or species?** 75 separate answers

The most popular responses were: Hedgehogs, hares, birds, owls and other birds of prey, Moor, deer, better education, conservation highest priority.

**Q10. Should the NP address the question of employment? If yes, what would you like to see?** 63 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Better careers advice, jobs must be created, light industrial, transport infrastructure, business development opportunities, no.

**Q11. Any thoughts about the local school?** 94 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Parking, Already full, build new school, wild space for the school, fine as it is, traffic problems and dangers.

**Q12. Should there be some form of adult education provision in the parish? If yes, then what?** 64 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Evening classes, holiday clubs, sports clubs, youth clubs, breakfast club, yes, no.

**Q13. Does there need to be a Youth service provision?** 85 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Yes (by far the most common response) no.

**Q14. Should there be some educational provision during the school holidays and beyond the normal school day? If yes, for which age group? Any particular type of provision?** 55 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: All Youth ages, outdoor, centred at VC, access to school facilities, helps working families, yes, no.

**Q15. In your view, What facilities (if any) need improving or developing?** 99 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Broadband, access to a GP, improve sewage services, transport links, village hall, parking

**Q16. The parish currently has a football pitch should anything happen to that area?** 94 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Protect the football pitch, tennis court, create village football team, multi sports, dog exercise area, cricket pitch.

**Q17. Are there any views or sight lines that are important to you? If so, please explain below with as much detail as possible.** 98 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Across air station, on across and off the Moor, all, both churches, St. Clements, open fields, sightlines across countryside is critical.

**Q18. Please identify any areas or places that you think require special attention in the NP in order to protect or safeguard them; or alternatively improve them.** 99 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: St Clements, Langmere, Moor and surrounding fields, The Street (Dickleburgh) Dickleburgh village green, Dickleburgh village childrens play area, Norwich Road, Buy fields around the village and rent to farmers.

**Q19. Should the Parish Council purchase land for community recreational use? Or any other use?** 117 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Yes (42), expand the Moor, dog walking area, more community recreation areas, no

**Q20. Should the Parish Council purchase land for environmental protection? Or any other use?** 63 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Around the Moor, safeguard green spaces, yes, no, to protect habitats and environments, access to St. Clements.

**Q21. What should or could be done to make the parish even better?** 118 separate suggestions

The most popular responses were: Houses with additional parking, issue of lorries, greater focus on wildlife protection, infrastructure, doctors surgery, traffic and speed controls, environmental protection.

You can see a wider variety of opinions on the displays in the Village Centre.

### **What next**

We are focusing upon collecting evidence to justify and support the views of the parish.

We are working with the Otter Trust, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Norfolk County Council to obtain evidence of the biodiversity in the parish.

We are monitoring evidence of vehicular journeys and speeds through the villages. We are recording large vehicle movements and monitoring some smaller lanes.

We will be conducting pollution tests and monitoring air quality evidence at key locations in the parish.

During May we will be assessing the sites and producing recommendations for the delivery of around 60 homes to meet the requirements of the GNLP.

### **Keep up to date**

You can follow developments through

- Facebook and Parish website
- Monthly updates in the parish news
- The Neighbourhood Plan is a permanent agenda item at the Parish Council meetings.

### **Want to get involved?**

Please do. Leave us your details or speak to a member of the team and you will be contacted. Let us know, even if you just want emails of future meetings.

**Dickleburgh and Rushall Parish Neighbourhood Plan Team currently consists of:**

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