

Aberford Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Planning Group – Open Day 19 January 2013

Community and Infrastructure Sub Group – Comments and Suggestions

1. Separate Comments and Suggestions

- a. [NAME PROVIDED TO PC]
"I think it is important to maintain the "small settlement" nature of Aberford. To this end, protection needs to be extended to:-
- i. existing/historical facilities eg buildings, paths, monuments.
 - ii. Location eg vistas, skylines, approaches.
 - iii. Ensure "new builds/developments are complementary to existing development.

Other concerns:-

Transport. The bus service to Leeds is unreliable at certain times. If buses are late, I understand the company is fined. The last time I travelled from Leeds the bus was 40 minutes late into Aberford. As a result, the bus returned to Leeds via the A64 to make up time and future passengers in the villages were left standing. Now a surgery has closed, a connection to Garforth has become more important. At a recent Doctors meeting a proposal to ask for a small/access bus was put forward – say for a particular day – for patients who attend surgery weekly.

Development of the Chapel. This building could be a real asset. The Village Hall is unlikely to want clients who need to leave equipment "on site" – eg toddlers groups/youth groups etc. So development and use of an alternative venue is crucial. I understand funding for new kitchen/toilets etc is available through "Funding for Youth".

- b. Anonymous. Better transport links ie to Wetherby and York.
- c. Anonymous. Better communication from Parish Council/Village Forum ie Facebook Page (as per Barwick and Scholes).
- d. Anonymous. Broadband! Mobile Signal!
- e. Anonymous. Mobile signal.
- f. [NAME PROVIDED TO PC] Strong focus needed on Community facilities: Community Buildings; shops/retail; food/drink; business/business space.

2. Post-its from "Issues" Poster – In no order of priority.

- a. 20 mph limit through village centre.
- b. Traffic calming. 20 mph through village centre – traffic islands to calm traffic?
- c. Traffic calming.
- d. 20 mph speed restriction through centre.
- e. Traffic calming/diversions.
- f. Parking restrictions on one side of the main road through centre of village.

- g. Improved management of on-street parking.
- h. Better transport links ie to Wetherby and York
- i. Bus services to centres Tadcaster, Garforth BR (Railway Station).
- j. No (public) transport to south end of village.
- k. Formal footpath/"wildlife" information boards and walks to enhance SSSI/natural experience.
- l. Footpaths and Bridleways.
- m. Habitats, wildlife.
- n. Greenspace
- o. Broadband speed especially as we are so close to Leeds.
- p. High Speed Broadband
- q. Broadband speed.
- r. Improve Broadband speed.
- s. Improved Broadband speed.
- t. Mobile phone signal.
- u. On line presence from Parish Council – ie Facebook page (as per Barwick and Scholes).
- v. Up to date website.
- w. More flexible access to medical services.
- x. Medical services – particularly as a GP Surgery is about to close!
- y. Tennis Courts Recreational Facilities.
- z. Tennis courts.
- aa. Dog mess – dog wardens.
- bb. Sewerage.
- cc. Facilities for older kids/young adults.
- dd. Allotments sustainability.
- ee. Workspace and business.

3. Post-its from "Sources" Poster – In no order of priority

- a. High speed Broadband (?)
- b. Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan
- c. Aberford Parish Plan 2003 and Review 2009
- d. Stables for Horses (?)
- e. Hospital (?)
- f. Natural England ref. SSSI.
- g. Leeds Civic Trust