

Background to the development of the Dore Neighbourhood Plan

The Dore Village Society was formed in 1964 as a conservation group whose purpose was to oppose the destruction of historically important buildings in the village and it still focuses heavily on conservation, planning and the environment.

In 2005 the society published a Dore Village Design Statement which was developed to help manage acceptable change within the village and its surrounding area by influencing the design of new development. That document was delivered to all households in Dore and placed on the website and became the basis for responding to the opportunity to form a Neighbourhood Forum created by the Localism Act 2011. This Act invited the formation of Neighbourhood Forums which, if approved by their local authorities, could develop Neighbourhood Development Plans. Consequently, in 2012, the Dore Village Society committee invited all the residents of Dore to participate in the formation of a Neighbourhood Forum. Thirty people responded and the next step was to set up a number of working groups to address:

- Housing development
- Protecting and enhancing the Sheffield Green Belt
- Open space provision, protection and enhancement
- Conserving and enhancing heritage assets
- Supporting the economic viability of the neighbourhood centre
- Promoting sustainable transport
- Protecting the Peak District Eastern Moorland Fringe

In September 2013 the working groups produced a Draft Neighbourhood Plan which was sent to Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority as our application to form a Neighbourhood Forum.

However, it transpired that Sheffield City Council was not ready at that time to handle the introduction of Neighbourhood Forums. As a consequence there followed a number of discussions with the two authorities until October 2014 when the Dore Village Society was designated a Neighbourhood Forum. Consequently all members of the DVS are members of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum. In other words, the DVS members are the Forum, with the DVS committee being the facilitator of the designation.

What we are now doing is repeating the process carried out in 2012 so that it is clear that it is the formal Neighbourhood Forum that has prepared the resultant Neighbourhood Plan and so that we can ensure that we have followed all the procedures and processes necessary for the preparation of that Plan.

A public presentation of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan took place on Thursday 12th November in the school hall of King Ecgbert School and All Forum (ie. DVS) members were invited to this meeting.