

Programme of Activity

Seven Working Groups are meeting regularly to prepare recommendations for incorporation into a draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Working Groups are:

- Conservation and Archaeology
- Peak District National Park
- Green Belt
- Housing Areas
- Open Spaces
- Neighbourhood Centre
- Sustainable Transport

When they have completed their work their recommendations will be consolidated by a steering group drawn from Forum members and that will then be submitted to all Forum members to consider. There will then be a meeting at which all Forum members will be invited to agree and adopt the Plan.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan then goes out for consultation. All Dore residents, our local councillors and all businesses which operate in Dore have to be consulted at this stage. The consultation will include:

- Publication of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan via the DVS website and in printed form delivered to all households in Dore.
- An exhibition held in the village where members of the working groups will be present to explain the Plan.
- A public meeting where the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be presented, questions are answered and suggestions are received.
- A questionnaire survey. This will take the form of an online survey for those with Internet access and an identical paper survey for those without Internet access or who prefer a paper response.
- Written responses to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be invited.

The working groups will review the responses and produce a revised Draft Neighbourhood Plan for the Forum members to approve.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan will then be submitted to Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority to assess its compliance with relevant legislation, with national planning policy, with the strategic policies in the development plan for the local area, and to ensure it is compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements. Additionally it is a requirement that an external examiner will report to the two local authorities on the legal basis of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

If the Draft Neighbourhood Plan passes this scrutiny then it is put to a referendum of the neighbourhood. People eligible to vote are those who are on the electoral roll at the time of the referendum (approximately 6,000 people). The referendum will be conducted by the electoral officers of Sheffield City Council.

The result of the referendum is decided by a simple majority of those who vote.

The timescale for all of this is difficult to determine at the moment but Working Groups started meeting in December and hope to produce their recommendations by the middle of 2016.

This is a major undertaking. To add some context, the Dore Neighbour Forum comprises nearly 1000 people (the membership of the Dore Village Society). The number of people entitled to make representations at the consultation stage is in the order of 6,000.

The great majority of Neighbourhood Forums in England comprise 20 or fewer people! So we are one of, if not the biggest, Neighbourhood Forum in the country.