

Brereton Life . . . Shape Where You Live?

More housing could be built near you as Planning Regulations are relaxed!

Recent government announcements relaxed further the planning regulations to stimulate the economy and in particular the construction industry. The planning regulations were already overhauled earlier this year with the launch of the National Planning Policy Framework which simplified the planning regulations from over 1,000 pages to just 65!

Neil Sinden, Director of Policy for the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England says; "Many of the measures being proposed call into question the Government's commitment to localism in planning. If it really wants local communities to be in control then this looks like an odd package of measures. The fact is that good planning is not an obstacle to economic development but an essential tool for securing the best development in the places where it is most needed."

In the Cheshire East News recently distributed to all households, residents are encouraged to voice opinions on the town strategies being developed as part of the Cheshire East Local Plan which determines where jobs, housing, and infrastructure will go between now and 2030. Cheshire East's priorities seem to be on the key towns within the authority, and *not* the rural areas.

So, what has this all got to do with Brereton?

Have your say!

Rural communities such as Brereton parish are being left without a voice, and are becoming vulnerable to speculative development allowed through the recent relaxation of the planning regulations. In the last few months Brereton Parish Council has been actively supporting resident groups opposing housing developments that would erode Brereton's rural character as well as be unsustainable for our rural community. This a trend that seems set to continue!

Does the future of housing development in Brereton concern you?

Does the future of rural Brereton concern you?

New powers introduced in the Localism Bill give local people a real voice to shape development in their area through a **Neighbourhood Plan**, and Brereton Parish Council is proposing to undertake the creation of such a plan for the future.

Key Facts

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

This is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to:

- ◆ Develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood.
- ◆ Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- ◆ Identify and protect important local green spaces.
- ◆ Influence what new buildings should look like.

Why should I get involved?

Your views will help determine the shape of Brereton for the next 15 years.

Will it stop more development?

No, not all of it. However, it will help to balance the needs for types of development in accordance with sustainable development so that the rural character of our parish is respected.

Further Brereton Neighbourhood Plan information can be found at www.mybrereton.com
This survey is conducted on behalf of Brereton Parish Council.

How to Have your Say!

As stakeholders of Brereton's future, the parish council is requesting your views before making the final commitments to create and deliver such a plan for Brereton.

Your views will help us determine the strength of support for the project.

Simply tell us what you think in the brief survey questions below, by ticking applicable boxes.

Responses are required to be received no later than **5pm on Friday 26th September**.

Responses can be made either:

- ◆ Online, via the community website at www.mybrereton.com
- ◆ By email to: clerk-bpc@hotmail.com
- ◆ By post to: The Clerk to Brereton Parish Council, 1, Ironbridge Drive, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7DD
- ◆ By phone to Councillor Jane Deans on 01477 537377
- ◆ By phone to Councillor Alastair Strang on 01477 532947
- ◆ Or, we can collect from your house.

Q1. How important is it to preserve the rural character of Brereton in the next 15 years?

- Unnecessary Not So Important Important Very Important Essential

Q2. How important is it that Brereton Parish Council prepares a Neighbourhood Plan to influence the future development of Brereton with regards to housing needs, housing development, and what new developments should look like?

- Unnecessary Not So Important Important Very Important Essential

Please also help us with additional information.
(Data collected will be used anonymously in our survey results)

Interest as a Resident:

How long have you lived in Brereton parish?

- Less than 1 year 1 to 10 years 11 to 20 years 21 to 30 years Over 30 years

Number of Adults living at residence?

Number of Children (under 18 years) living at residence?

Interest as a Business:

How long has your business traded in Brereton?

- Less than 1 year 1 to 10 years 11 to 20 years 21 to 30 years Over 30 years

Would you like to be kept informed about Brereton's Neighbourhood Planning?

- Yes, by keeping me updated on progress of the planning activities
 Yes, by attending periodic consultations on the plan.
 Yes, by helping the neighbourhood plan project team.
 No, I do not wish to be involved.

Postal Address:

Contact Email Address:

(Note: Email will only be used for the purpose of keeping you advised on Brereton community matters. You can unsubscribe at any time.)

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