



### **Clavering Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Update: 11<sup>th</sup> May , 2026**

The key issues discussed in the recent SG meetings are as follows:

1. Generation of Policies:

A significant effort has gone in to generating the draft policies over the last few weeks. These policies are based on the Objectives which were approved by the parishioners following the survey conducted at the end of 2025. We are in the process of refining these policies to ensure that they are specific to Clavering and correspond with the feedback from the parishioners. These will ultimately be used to support the site selection process. The current tally is 21 policy documents covering aspects ranging from the spatial strategy, housing need, housing design, green infrastructure and biodiversity etc. To go along with these policy areas are a number of background documents which provide the rationale and evidence base, all of which has required a substantial effort on the part of those Steering Group members responsible for this work.

Members of the Steering Group are planning to meet with Charles Welham (UDC) later this month to discuss a number of specific issues relating to the development of this plan.

2. Consultancy Support:

Several documents were sent to the consultant, Ann Skippers, including the draft NP which includes the draft policies. Our aim is for the consultant to provide feedback on this document before we get too much further down the line. However, before further progress is possible, confirmation of the terms for the consultant is required from the Clerk. We would be very grateful if this could be progressed **as soon as possible** since the consultant has limited time available this month and ideally, we would like her to start this work as soon as possible to ensure we are able to meet our timelines.

3. Draft Green Audit:

This has been completed and a preliminary review was held with councillors Frances Smithers and Stephanie Gill. The aim of this document is to provide a baseline of evidence to support the policies required to ensure that the green spaces and infrastructure, so important to the village, are maintained and enhanced. It is accepted that this document is still at the draft stage and further work may be required; however, before too much additional effort is made on this substantial piece of work, it was agreed that the current draft should be sent to Charles Welham (UDC) for his input to ensure we are on the right track. We look forward to hearing his feedback in due course.

4. Community Engagement:

A number of activities have taken place over the last few weeks. A short survey was sent to the business community to establish if there were any specific requirements they may need as part of the NP going forward. Apart from the lack of public transport (which is outside our remit), those businesses that responded had no additional requirements.

An opportunity for parishioners to meet with the SG team was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April together with representatives from the village clubs and societies. This was generally well attended and gave the opportunity for SG members to highlight the work that is underway to generate the NP and why it is needed.

Plans are underway for the next interaction which will be at the summer fete on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

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5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026