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involved  
and let's  
*all*  
take  
ownership  
for the future  
of  
our  
village**

## How to comment

All comments on the draft plan must be submitted in writing on the Response Form.

An electronic version of this form is available on the Old Somerby Parish Council website:

<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/OldSomerby>

Hard copies are also available at:

**The Fox and Hounds**

## Where to send comments

Completed Response Forms must be sent either:

### **By Email to:**

[old.somerby.neighbourhood.plan@gmail.com](mailto:old.somerby.neighbourhood.plan@gmail.com)

### **By Post to:**

The Parish Clerk, Rimini, School Lane, Old Somerby, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG33 4AG

### **Comment Drop Box at:**

The Fox and Hounds

### **Further Information**

There will be an unattended exhibition at The Fox and Hounds throughout the consultation period.

**Join us** for a presentation at The Fox and Hounds **7th January 2019 at 7pm**

There will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

## When to respond

The deadline for comments is:

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

# Your Neighbourhood Your Plan

## Old Somerby Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation Arrangements



**Old Somerby Parish Council**

**November 2018**



## Introduction

This parish has a long history. Today it contains a small rural village surrounded by attractive Lincolnshire countryside.

But what of the future? How should the parish change? What does it need? What do we need to protect? What sort of development should we encourage and what should be resisted?

Since 2011 the Localism Act has provided parish councils with the ability to have a say in shaping the future of their communities by means of a neighbourhood development plan. To take advantage of this opportunity Old Somerby Parish Council set up a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which comprised of volunteers from the local community. The aim of the group is to work with parish councillors to create a draft neighbourhood plan that can influence future development taking place in the area.

As part of the statutory process the Parish Council has to consult all those who live, work or have a business interest in the area on the content of the draft Plan.

We believe that this is vitally important if this plan is to be owned and shared by the wider local community. We would therefore encourage you to read this document and offer any thoughts and views, both positive and negative, to help us formulate the final plan before it is submitted to South Kesteven District Council.

We therefore welcome and look forward to reading your comments.

## What is in the plan?

The draft plan sets out a vision for the parish and planning policies for the use and development of land. It will eventually form part of the statutory planning framework for the area, and the policies and proposals contained within it will be used by South Kesteven District Council in the determination of planning applications.

### **The draft plan contains policies and proposals to:**

- Shape and influence future residential development
- Support affordable housing
- Prevent coalescence with Grantham
- Protect and promote heritage assets
- Protect important green spaces and views around the village
- Prevent harm to the surrounding open countryside including footpaths
- Protect mature trees and hedgerows
- Promote environmental quality
- Retain and develop local services and facilities

Whilst outside the scope of a neighbourhood plan, there is also a separate section on the need for traffic management measures and new community facilities.

As part of the statutory process Old Somerby Parish Council is required to invite representations on the draft plan prior to it being formally submitted to South Kesteven District Council. This stage, known as pre-submission consultation, must include a period of at least six weeks to publicise the plan and bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area, and invite comment. The Parish Council is also required to invite representations on the draft plan from key stakeholders and statutory consultees, including the County and District Council. This is therefore the purpose of the draft plan.

After this stage the plan will be reviewed by the Parish Council in the lights of comments received before being submitted to South Kesteven District Council. They will undertake further consultation and appoint an external examiner to ensure the plan meets certain basic conditions set out in the legislation. Finally, the plan will be subject to a community referendum.

## Where to find the plan

An electronic copy of the draft plan may be inspected on the Old Somerby Parish Council website:

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### **The Fox and Hounds**