

**ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON OPEN MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Details</b>
	<b>Present:</b> 45 members of the public, 6 Parish Councillors, the District Councillor and the Clerk.
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Heather Tamplin
2.	<p>JM welcomed everyone. She stated that the aims of the meeting were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) to offer as much information as possible and to answer any queries.</li> <li>ii) To give the Parish Councillors the chance to listen to the views of the public.</li> </ol> <p>BM, as the Parish Council's Planning Officer, had been asked to chair the meeting.</p> <p>NNDC Core Strategy (Local Development Framework (LDF)) will last until 2021, if accepted. This is the planning framework for the area. It is only at discussion, observation and objection stage at this time. Aldborough has been designated a 'service village'. This is a village which has a Post office, convenience store, surgery, other shops, Public House, garage, school, forms of employment, open spaces and allotments. NNDC approached the Parish Council in 2000 advising of the possibility of allocation of 15 houses for the parish. The Parish Council advised that it would consider development but would not specify sites and preferred 3 sites for 5 properties or 5 sites of 3 properties. In the LDF NNDC has highlighted their 2 preferred sites for development of 20 houses. 12 on the Meadow Farm site and 8 at Pippits Meadow, behind the garage. If planning applications are made in future to develop such sites then restrictive clauses could be included, such as improvements to highways, the general area and facilities.</p> <p>BM confirmed the date of the NNDC roadshow – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2006 in the Community Centre 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Officers of the LDF will be available. NNDC also has information available on their website <a href="http://www.northnorfolk.org">www.northnorfolk.org</a>. Copies of the forms necessary for objections or comments can be downloaded. Anonymous objections/comments will not be considered. All comments will be made available on the website including the name and address of the complainant/commenter. The PC made available comments sheets for parish use that could be anonymous which would help the PC formulate its response to the LDF. All members of the public are invited, by NNDC, to comment on the LDF.</p> <p>A full description of 'affordable housing' is very complex and open to interpretation.</p>
3.	<p>The meeting was opened to the floor for discussion and the following comments/questions were raised by members of the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NNDC do not consider that these sites could be described as estates</li> <li>• Maps to scale are needed for any objection/complaints forms competed. These can be downloaded from the website.</li> <li>• 1 form must be competed for each site.</li> <li>• People on the local housing list would be approached first for 'affordable housing'. This would be people that say they would consider Aldborough for housing, not necessarily those from Aldborough.</li> <li>• Is there an economical argument for lager sites and who benefits? These sites are not compatible with the existing layout of the village. It was advised that if the sites, large or small, were further out of the village then NNDC could object on grounds of accessibility to the village centre.</li> <li>• NNDC is writing to the Local Education Authority regarding the availability of spaces at the school. The Chair of Governors expressed concern that although there are currently spaces these are age related. The existing accommodation is considered unsatisfactory.</li> <li>• The sewage works are deemed good enough for a village 3 times the size of</li> </ul>

	<p>Aldborough but the pipe work to the station is not and may need upgrading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern was raised regarding safety of the junction onto the A140. Why has the road to the village been reduced to a byroad? The road narrows outside Pippits Meadow and is considered too dangerous for the increases of traffic that these developments would cause.</li> <li>• A development at Manor Farm would spoil the visual impact of the approach to the village.</li> <li>• Traffic concerns around Doctors Corner were mentioned.</li> <li>• Lack of regular bus routes was considered a problem. If people are to work they need to leave the village. This is currently done by car putting a strain on the road network and environment.</li> <li>• The surgery and school are not in Aldborough. The surgery is in Thurgarton and the school is in Alby Hill.</li> <li>• Prime agricultural land is not supposed to be considered for development and yet the Meadow Farm site is on such land.</li> <li>• Is it possible to extend Pippits Meadow along a further 3 or 4 houses rather than opposite (behind the garage).</li> </ul>
4.	<p>The following questions were put to the vote.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people support the NNDC proposals as they are? For 0 Against 36</li> <li>2. Do you consider Aldborough should have some form of development by 2021? For 27</li> </ol> <p>Although the meeting was well attended, it was acknowledged that it still represented only a small percentage of the population and if other sites were specified other people would be affected and other objections raised.</p>
5.	<p>If anyone wishes to discuss the matter further, but not to do so in public, the Parish Councillors are available. The contact names and numbers are on the notice boards.</p>