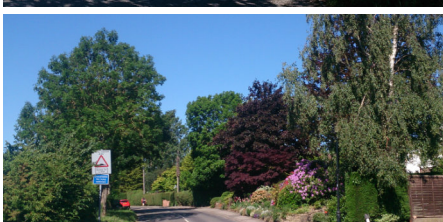
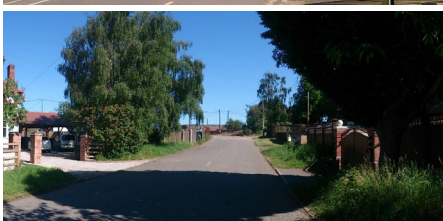
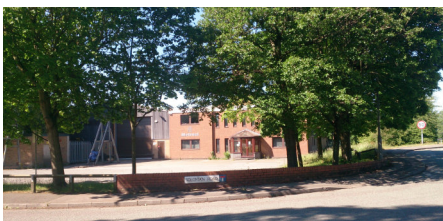


COSSALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER July 2020 Update



Dear Cossall resident,

We hope you are keeping well.

We had planned to hold informal drop-in events, where at your leisure you could look at displays and photographs of how your Neighbourhood Plan is progressing, and see how the responses you provided in the questionnaire are shaping the Plan.

As it is not possible for these to go ahead at the present time, we have provided a summary of the objectives for the key areas of the Plan. These will determine the policies which will shape the way we approach planning and development and deal with a wide range of other issues in the Plan.

Your comments on all aspects of living in Cossall are always welcome, as your feedback will ensure we deliver a community-focused Plan which deals with local issues and represents your vision for Cossall Parish over the next decade. Please get in touch at any time via the contact details in this leaflet to share your views.

We look forward to inviting you to join us for a coffee and a chat in the future, but in the meantime, please check the Cossall Parish website where you will find details of how your Plan is progressing and the results from the questionnaire.

Best wishes

The Steering Group

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The Neighbourhood Plan will endeavour to make certain that the unique character of the Parish and its surroundings are preserved, by adopting strategies which ensure future development is sustainable and meets the needs and wishes of residents now, and in the future.

We have put together the following objectives using the information you provided to us in the questionnaire we sent out last year.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Our objectives - to preserve the greenbelt, open views and green spaces, and maintain the natural environment for wildlife habitats, and for recreation.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Housing and Sustainability

Our objectives - to ensure the unique character of the parish and its surroundings are preserved, by adopting strategies which ensure future development is sustainable and meets the needs and wishes of both existing and future residents of all ages.

A good road network to/from any new development to cope with increased traffic is vital.

Cossall Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have vigorously opposed Newtons Lane being used as an access route to the proposed new development in all consultation processes.

PARISH BOUNDARIES

Our objectives - Cossall Parish Council will always engage co-operatively, constructively and respectfully with neighbouring parishes and share joint initiatives for the mutual benefit of residents in all the neighbouring parishes.

Your overwhelming response to whether all land and properties in Cossall Parish should remain in Cossall Parish was 'Yes', supported by detailed comments explaining why you had given this response. Therefore, Cossall Parish Council will vigorously oppose any attempt by a neighbouring parish to change the parish boundaries to acquire land and properties in Cossall Parish.

TRAFFIC

Our objectives - work with planners to improve road safety for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Discourage speeding, illegal off-road bikers and HGVs not observing the weight restrictions on Awsworth Lane and Church Lane.

There is an ongoing joint initiative between Cossall, Awsworth and Trowel Parish Councils to address problems caused by illegal off-road bikers.

TRANSPORT

Our objectives - establish the needs of residents and work with transport providers to deliver a more flexible and viable seven day/evening service. Encourage use of Ilkeston Station.

PARKING

Our objectives - to encourage safe parking and ensure any new developments have sufficient safe vehicle parking.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Our objectives - to preserve and where possible enhance existing facilities and services including ensuring the area remains attractive for residents to enjoy the natural facilities for leisure, and the social facilities and events provided by Cossall Parish Council, Cossall Community Chest and St Catherine's Church. We will also continue to support the elderly and lonely through the initiative introduced by Cossall Parish Council, and the provision of a luncheon group organised by St Catherine's.

We will also endeavour to ensure enough places are available at local schools to provide for a growing population and for residents to be able to access high speed Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) broadband.

HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY

Our objectives - to further protect the built and natural assets throughout the parish and to maintain the character of the parish, the vistas across the open countryside and open spaces, the historic buildings and the sense of belonging to a small semi-rural community.

We will always endeavour to foster a strong community spirit. Through our newsletters/leaflets/social media posts, residents will be kept up-to-date regarding local services and events taking place so that everyone has access to the same information and can take part in community events that are of interest.

BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYMENT

(There are more than 44 businesses in Cossall.)

Our objectives - to ensure our businesses can access high speed 'Fibre to the Premises' (FTTP) broadband at the earliest opportunity. To improve signage where necessary to meet business requirements. Transport links are much improved since the opening of Ilkeston Station, but we will continue to pursue improved bus services. To encourage new, sustainable and entrepreneurial businesses that create increased employment, especially for local people.