

Parish Plan: Revised Summary and Action Plan

April 2013

Summary of the Plan

The Consultation

The proposals set out in this revised Action Plan are the result of extensive consultation with all the community. During 2012 residents, businesses, primary and secondary school students and visitors were invited to respond to a range of questions about the future of the two communities.

The questions were grouped around five main themes:

- The environment
- Public transport
- Highways
- Village facilities
- Housing and development

In order to ensure the fullest possible response:

- Two well-attended public meetings were held; one at the beginning and one at the end of the consultation period.
- All households were sent a questionnaire to complete covering the 3 most important issues to emerge from the early meeting and previous discussions.
- Children from Staveley Primary School were asked which three things they liked best in their village, which three they liked least and what they would most like to change.
- Children from Staveley and Ings attending The Lakes School and The Queen Katherine School were asked to complete surveys covering similar questions.
- All businesses based in Staveley and Ings were invited to complete a questionnaire similar to the one used for school students but inviting comments that would help their businesses to prosper and grow.
- Visitors were also asked about their views on what might improve their visiting experience within the parish

The Response

The opportunity to take part in the consultation resulted in a huge response:

- 254 questionnaires out of 810 distributed were completed, a response rate of over 31%
- Over 4000 separate comments were included in the questionnaires
- 67 primary school and 47 secondary students completed survey sheets
- 35 visitors completed survey sheets
- Nearly 50 residents attended the first public meeting and a slightly smaller number came to the follow up meeting
- 18 businesses responded to the questionnaires and some 74 different comments were recorded.

Findings

The vast majority of respondents liked the friendly and helpful nature of the two communities. Their location, range of services and activities, local shops and facilities and the strong community spirit were clearly really valued by residents, businesses and visitors, together with good communication links. Some however, recognised that these attributes create less desirable traffic and parking difficulties. How we balance these potential competing pressures as Staveley and Ings develop will remain a challenge well into the future.

As a result of the consultation responses, the Parish Council has now drawn up a revised Action Plan for the next five years. For most of the respondents to the general questionnaire, the highest priorities were to maintain the existing open spaces, improve access to Staveley railway station, retain the public toilets, reduce dog fouling and moving or tidying up the recycling site. Other important issues that received support e.g. better recreational provision for young people are shown in detail overleaf.

Next Steps

Working in partnership with other groups and organisations and by engaging the support of the local community, over the next five years the Parish Council will lead the task of implementing the Action Plan priorities. In doing so, it will seek to balance the needs of all in the community, whether resident, business or visitor. While preserving those aspects that we value most and regard as special, the Council recognises that the communities will (and must) change and develop if they are to meet future aspirations, not least those of the younger generation. It will do so by encouraging better communication and even greater involvement in order to draw on local talents and interests. Above all, it will seek to harness the spirit of friendliness, which is the special mark of the two communities

Revised Action Plan

Issue	Action	Who is responsible	When
ENVIRONMENT			
The existing open spaces in Staveley to remain undeveloped as far as possible	1) Negotiate safeguards for all existing important open spaces as defined in the Staveley Conservation Area document, together with the field in front of Danes Road during the development of the emerging Local development Framework. 2) Work to preserve these open spaces when considering future planning applications.	Parish Council Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) Local Residents	As opportunity arises
Action against dog fouling	Work with other bodies and the community to seek ways of reducing dog fouling throughout the parish	Parish Council South Lakeland District Council Staveley Village Association SENS Group The community	On-going
Preservation of Barley Bridge public viewing area	Negotiate with Cumbria Highways and Kentmere Packaging Limited to bring the area up to a safe and pleasant state.	Parish Council Cumbria Highways Kentmere Packaging Limited	2014
Preservation of Barley Bridge weir	Work with local groups to try and preserve the weir and explore the potential for hydro electricity	Parish Council Weir Preservation Group Environment Agency SENS Group Other local groups	On-going
Removal of recycling site from Alec Row Car Park to another site to improve village appearance	Negotiate with South Lakeland District Council to relocate the site away from the village centre and develop the site appropriately	Parish Council South Lakeland District Council	On-going as opportunities arise
Create a more attractive, safe village centre space including Abbey Square	1) Encourage and support local groups to contribute ideas and undertake voluntary works 2) Parish Council to consider funding cost of plants and small containers and perhaps a small tool/equipment store from the parish precept	Parish Council Local residents/young people SENS group Parish Council	2014 As required
Reduce the environmental impact of Staveley with Ings parish area	Using appropriate opportunities, work with others to reduce the carbon footprint (energy usage and associated carbon emissions)	Parish Council SENS Group LDNPA	On-going
Provide more allotment space for use by the community	Look for additional land for allotment plots	Parish Council SENS Group Other local groups	2012 onwards

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT			
All Trains to stop at Staveley	Work with others to press the train operating companies to timetable all trains to stop at Staveley station and maintain existing level of service	Parish Council First TransPennine Express Cumbria County Council Lakes Line Rail User Group Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership Any new operating company	On-going
Creation of ramped access to Staveley Railway Station	Work with others to secure a ramped access to the station to facilitate easier access for all	Parish Council Network Rail First TransPennine Express Cumbria County Council Lakes Line Rail User Group Lakes Line Community Partnership	On-going
Bus and train timetables to be printed in one leaflet and available locally	Work with others to support printing and distribution of a combined timetable to all dwellings in the parish. To include details of other transport schemes such as Rural Wheels, Community mini bus an' NoW' card scheme for young people.	Parish Council SENS group Cumbria County Council Bus operating companies Train operating companies	Annually
Cycle parking bay	Provision of cycle parking facilities in the centre of Staveley close to the shops.	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	On-going
Seats in bus shelters at Ings and Danes Road	Provide simple seats in the three bus shelters	Parish Council	2013

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HIGHWAYS			
Provide safer walking route(s) to Staveley School	Consider the provision of safer pedestrian route(s) to Staveley School.	Parish Council Cumbria Highways Staveley School SENS Group	On-going
Provision of marked footway between the railway bridge and surgery on Crook Road	Included in Local Transport Plan. Press Cumbria Highways to include in work programme	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	2013/14
Satisfactory completion of Kendal Road footway improvements	Continue to work with Cumbria Highways to consult on schemes to improve the footway on Kendal Road. Support implementation of approved scheme	Parish Council Cumbria Highways Local residents	2013/14
Introduce 20MPH speed limit on Church Lane and Gated Road at Ings as far as Ings Hall	Negotiate for a 20MPH speed limit on these roads	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	2013/14
Mill Yard entrance, Main Street, Staveley	Clarify highway position re movement, markings, lighting and pavement	Parish Council Cumbria Highways SENS Group	On-going
Paint white centre line on road over railway bridge at Plantation Bridge	Negotiate with Cumbria Highways to have white line painted for road safety reasons	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	2013/14

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VILLAGE FACILITIES			
Ensuring the sustainability of the public toilets including the bus shelter in Staveley	Work with and support the Gowan Stop and Go Group to maintain and develop the facility.	Gowan Stop and Go Group Parish Council SLDC	On-going
Greater involvement of young(er) people in the community	Work with other groups to encourage young(er) people to become more involved, possibly by co-opting one or two onto the Parish Council	Parish Council PCSOs Local Groups e.g. Beavers/Brownies/Scouts and Youth organisations	On-going
Provision of improved facilities for young(er) people	Encourage young(er) people to design their own facilities possible with small starter grants from the Parish Precept and the Cumbria County Council reduced transport costs scheme	Parish Council Young(er) people Local organisations Cumbria County Council	On-going
Introduction of Dog Control Order for The Ayland	1) Work with Staveley Village Association to eradicate the incidence of dog fouling on The Ayland 2) Consider making The Ayland the subject of a Dog Control Order	Staveley Village Association South Lakeland District Council Parish Council Local residents As above	On-going 2014/15
Provision of additional litter bins	Monitor litter problems and seek additional litter bins where appropriate	Parish Council South Lakeland District Council	On-going

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HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT			
Any future development of former cricket ground to encompass planning gain to benefit the community – possibly linked to safer routes to school, parking, recycling, open space and traffic access to Kentmere Road.	Work with Planning Authority to obtain planning gain	Parish Council LDNPA SENS Group	When planning applications are submitted During development of Local Development Framework
Regular review of housing needs across the parish	Work with other agencies to ensure that the housing needs of the parish are regularly monitored	LDNPA South Lakeland District Council Cumbria Rural Housing Trust Parish Council	On-going/Duration of the plan
Regular review of sheltered housing needs across the parish	As above	As above AgeUK	On-going
Business Development	Sympathetic to small and medium business development to maintain employment opportunities within the Staveley Village boundary. Support through planning applications and formation of Local Development Framework	Parish Council LDNPA Local Businesses	On-going
Eco-friendly housing	Support appropriate housing development that uses eco-friendly construction ideas, renewable energy use and incorporates gardens suitable for food production where appropriate	Parish Council LDNPA SENS Group Specialists who can provide advice to Parish Council as appropriate	On-going