Clavering Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Update: 12th October, 2026

The key activities undertaken by the SG are as follows:

1. **Village Hall Update on Proposed Sites**
   Following the review of the site selection process and subsequent proposed sites by CPC it was agreed that the information would be presented to Clavering residents at 2 Village Hall meetings. These were held on the evening of 17th September and the morning of 19th September with the intention of reaching as many of the residents as possible.

   A high level summary of the site selection process was presented at the Village Hall meetings including the step-wise approach taken. It is anticipated that the full details of the site selection process will be available at the Reg14 stage where the supporting evidence generated by the Steering Group will be included along with the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

   Following the presentations, a significant number of comments and questions were raised and subsequent comments have been sent via the CNP website. Many of the queries require professional advice and this is being sought to enable a more detailed response to specific questions.

   The Steering Group would like to reiterate that the consultation process is not over and all comments are welcome.
   The Steering Group can reassure residents that the site selection process is not a ‘done deal’ and we continue to consider the evidence as we progress towards the finalisation of site allocations

   The Steering Group are taking advice on the next steps required to reach the Reg 14 stage. At this point all the evidence will be available to the residents to review and comment on. It is at this stage where there is a defined time limit of 6 weeks for residents to respond. After this point, all comments will be addressed, and the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be modified accordingly. Once we have a timetable for reaching Reg 14, this will be published on the CNPSG website

The Steering Group is (at the time of compiling this update) awaiting support from UDC Planning Dept to address the specific queries raised at the initial consultation held in September. However, we will hold this phase of informal consultation open until after the Inspector publishes their decision on site 007.2, in order that we may properly consider their decision rationale and how this may take account of the concerns raised by local residents. We anticipate that a further update to the residents will be planned later in the year.

2. **Landowner/Agent Engagement**

   The Steering Group would like to thank the Clerk for her actions enabling the letters to be sent to all concerned. The contact with landowners and /or their agents was a requirement as it was necessary to ascertain that land was available still as had been proposed under the call for sites and as a required courtesy to detail whether it was still under consideration or not.

   Following on from this correspondence, engagement with landowners and/or their agents continues. The aim is to ensure their understanding of the policy requirements which were derived from the Objectives approved by the parishioners of Clavering.

3. **Draft NP Document**

   The draft NP document is at a mature stage except for the finalised site selection site-specific policies. Finalising this section of the document will depend on the feedback received from the parishioners and a consideration of the outcome of the upcoming response from the Inspector on site 007.2

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   While a NP is not in place, all proposed development will be considered by UDC's Officers under UDC's Local Plan and the NPPF. Per the new guidance, only exceptional cases will be taken before the Planning Committee and if agreed by the UDC Chief Planning Officer and the Chair of the Planning Committee to be considered so.

   The Steering Group remind all that the completed process for the Neighbourhood Plan has target date of before June 2028.

Rachel Tallon
Chair of Clavering Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
2nd October, 2026