

LONGHOUGHTON, BOULMER AND HOWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CONSULTATION ON SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES

The views of residents of Longhoughton, Boulmer and Howick are invited on the Settlement Boundaries to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Comments on what is set out in this paper are welcomed.

Please send your views or comments in one of the following ways:

- By completing an online form at www.longhoughtondnp.co.uk/consultations:
- Email to adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com
- Write to: Longhoughton Parish Council, The Croft, Boulmer, Alnwick. NE66 3BW

What is a Settlement Boundary

It is normally a line drawn around a settlement which historically is also known as a village envelope. The boundary generally allows for development within the settlement and resists development outside. In general, there is a presumption in favour of development within the settlement boundary. Any land and buildings outside of the boundary line are usually considered to be open countryside, where development would be regulated with stricter planning policies. However, any land which has been included within the boundary line does not have a guarantee of approval of planning permission, as there will be other planning policies which will need to be adhered to also, for example; the protection of the character of a settlement.

Advantages of a Settlement Boundary

- Directs development to sustainable locations.
- Protection of the open countryside from encroachment.

Disadvantages of a Settlement Boundary

- By restricting development, land values within the settlement can increase artificially.
- For rural communities with a character of dispersed development it can be difficult to draw a logical boundary around a village.

What is Proposed

Longhoughton – Longhoughton should have a settlement boundary and indeed this is included in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan. Residents may wish to change the boundary to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Proposals will be put forward for consultation once the location and boundaries for future housing areas are finalised.

Howick – Due to the dispersed development within Howick village it is proposed that there is no settlement boundary.

Boulmer – **A settlement boundary is proposed for Boulmer village. This is set out on the reverse of this sheet and reflects some of the comments that were received from residents during the last consultation.** Within the boundary is the allotments site at the north of Boulmer which now has planning permission and the proposed housing site at the south end of the village.

Further Information on settlement boundaries

If you would like more information on the purpose of settlement boundaries you are directed to the following document: **Boulmer Settlement Boundary Background Paper** which is available on the website www.longhoughtondnp.co.uk

Proposed settlement boundary for Boulmer Village

