

Consultation Statement

- 12.02.15. Desford Parish Council submitted its application for designation of the parish as a Neighbourhood Area to HBBC
- September 2015: designation approved
- November 2015: flyers were delivered to every household by volunteers, posters put on the noticeboards and on the Parish Council website
- 01.12.15. first public meeting at St Martin's Church Centre
- 26.01.16. inaugural meeting of Desford Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
- May 2016: a series of Open Events introduced the Neighbourhood Plan to residents. These were advertised by flyers, posters and website, and facilitated by the RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland), who also produced a report:
 - Friday 6th May 17.00-19.00 at Botcheston Village Hall
 - Saturday 7th May 10.30-14.30 at St Martin's Church Centre, Desford
 - Tuesday 10th May 16.00-20.00 at Desford Library
- 05.06.16. a Stakeholder Event to introduce the Neighbourhood Plan to the local business community, farmers, neighbouring parishes and statutory authorities. This event was hosted by Bosworth Academy and facilitated by the RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland), who sent the invitations and also produced a report on the discussions
- 15.06.16. public awareness stand at Desford Carnival held at Sport in Desford
- 25.07.16. Focus Groups were set up to gather evidence and consider the detail of the Neighbourhood Plan. This involved some new members of the public who had not previously been involved. The Environment Focus Group completed a survey of every field and open space in the parish (See Appendix E) and carried out patch walks to look at buildings and structures of historical interest. With the help of HBBC Conservation Officer, a Local Heritage List was compiled (see Appendix H). This is a list of buildings and structures which were not already on the Statutory List and are outside the Conservation Area. Owners/occupiers were notified
- March 2017: Questionnaires were delivered to every household by volunteers (apart from a few isolated properties, which were posted). Volunteers also collected the completed Questionnaires. The RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland) analysed the results and produced a report
- March 2017: YourLocale were appointed by the Parish Council to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan
- March 2017: the website, Desford Vision, went live
- 10.06.18. public awareness stand at Desford Carnival held at Sport in Desford
- August - September 2018: Strategic Site Assessments were carried out on the 15 sites identified in the HBBC review of sites in 2014. Each landowner was sent their individual SSA report (via HBBC) and 4 landowners/agents responded and were invited to meetings during October 2018
- November 2018: flyers were delivered to every household by volunteers plus posters and website, giving notice of the Pre Submission Consultation. Events were organised:
 - Saturday 17th November 10.00 - 15.00 at Botcheston Village Hall
 - Saturday 24th November 10.00 - 15.00 at Desford Library