

Response to the Draft Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan

I have lived in Barrowby for many years and care deeply about the future of our village. I appreciate the work that has gone into preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and the effort made by volunteers and the Parish Council.

However, I am worried that some parts of the Plan may not be strong enough to protect the things that make Barrowby such a special place to live.

Over the years I have seen a lot of development take place around the village. I understand that some housing growth is necessary, but I am concerned that the evidence prepared for the Plan shows that the village has already met its housing needs for the foreseeable future. Because of this, I believe the Neighbourhood Plan should make it clearer that more housing on greenfield land around the village should only happen if there is a genuine and proven local need.

One of the things that makes Barrowby so special is the countryside that surrounds it. In particular, the western side of the village provides beautiful open views and a real sense of being in the countryside. Many residents enjoy walking along the footpaths in this area, including the routes that lead out towards the wider countryside. These views and walks are an important part of village life and wellbeing.

I am worried that if development were allowed to spread further onto this land it would change the character of the village permanently. Once these views and open spaces are lost, they cannot easily be replaced.

I also feel it is important that Barrowby remains a village with its own identity and does not gradually become part of the wider spread of Grantham. The countryside around the village helps keep that sense of separation and rural character which many of us value greatly.

For these reasons, I hope the Neighbourhood Plan can be strengthened so that it provides clearer protection for the countryside around Barrowby, the important views and footpaths that residents enjoy, and the village character that has made Barrowby such a wonderful place to live for so many years.

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