

WORLABY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



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Visioning Day July 2017

Attendance

Adults: 55 recorded

Children: 5 recorded, possible some unrecorded.

Comments Received

Local Green Space

There's a good mix of carefully manicured and wild green spaces.

Woodland Glade and Hollows are great assets to the village.

A link between Hilltop bridleway down Fillingham's wood onto lower path by Ladysmith cottage would be great.

If the wetland area on Top Road was to go it would certainly make the track less attractive.

The woods along the Wolds should be protected.

Yes we must protect all our green spaces.

Woods and wetland must be protected.

Wetland (former brickyard) could be improved e.g. boardwalk to open it up.

What are the plans for Middlebarn Lane now that it has been declared unsuitable for vehicles? It is a lovely place to walk (unless scary dog is about).

Top Road is a bit short of trees (Brigg end). Any chance of a couple on the grass verges?

All current green spaces should be protected & where possible made accessible.

The brickyard wetlands are certainly worth preserving. And the woodland walk and Hollows are wonderful. A tree on the higher ground towards Grangefield is needed.

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Woodland Glade needs to stay. The Hollows are wonderful. Nice to keep wildlife corridors. Like pleasure ground.

Green spaces should be protected. However, features should be made of these.

Look for opportunities for enhancing green spaces within the village – more trees for example – an orchard at the far end of the rec ground.

Yes, Wolds wood and wetland should be protected. Ensure places like Middlebarn Lane remain protected & open to all.

Low Road from Main Street to Top Road, not fit for purpose. Size of vehicles too wide, passing safely is becoming a problem.

Woodland and green spaces to be protected. More to be done to advertise Hollows etc. and maybe to organise walks round the Hollows and Glade for older villagers.

The woodland and the wetland should be preserved to maintain the attractiveness of the village. All green space should be preserved.

Access

The footpath to Bonby is great and well used. It could do with the nettles trimming back. I have used it to cycle on but it feels narrow now.

Cycling from new cycle path on the Ancholme to railway crossing is very rough and grass very long. We need a link to new cycle path.

Footpath to Bonby – the Area before the new path is very overgrown and difficult to walk two people side by side.

I'm looking forward to cycle route to Brigg being opened.

Nice bench on Middlegate Lane would be good – view across Lincolnshire.

Cycle tracks are a great asset, we cycle to Brigg. Carr Lane at the bottom needs some improvement.

Walk in and around the village – lovely. Cycling – even in the village feels risky - number of parked cars near corners. The path to Bonby transformed my walking.

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There is a problem with some people parking on footpaths. People have to go on the road to pass them.

All public footpaths and bridleways should be walked regularly to ensure they are accessible. They must be protected.

I walk with my dog, footpaths to be clear. Signs to be visible. Some could be made wider to allow prams etc.

Better signed and well kept footpaths.

If footpaths were improved to take pushchairs/wheelchairs maybe more people would use them.

Walk along the Top Road to Bonby etc and down the footpaths into Bonby is a nice walk. The circular walk via Ladysmith Cottage & out onto Elsham Hill would be better if you didn't have to go on the road.

You really need a map to initially use the footpaths from Low Road to New Road and through the manege.

Footpaths are for walkers not horses. They are dangerous when encountered unexpected.

We should make sure all footpaths are open.

I walk on the footpath from Low Road (Bonby end) through to Middlebarn Lane but I only recently discovered it by chance.

Make sure all footpaths and routes we are allowed to use are kept open and encourage people to use them by ensuring paths are marked clearly e.g footpath through park via Hill House – not clear where allowed to go.

I love all the footpaths in the village e.g. Hurds Farm and Markie path and the ones out into the countryside. The more the better.

Housing

Please maintain village boundary – no more building houses outside boundary.

Important to build affordable houses but not too many.

We have a lot of bungalows in Worlaby. Any new buildings now should be sympathetic to the cottage style.

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There isn't a typical house. The mixture needs to be kept.
All sizes. Bungalows. Small developments only.

Worlaby has a great mix of houses but I love the old cottages best. I think they epitomise the village. Keep village boundaries.

Don't extend houses beyond village boundary.

Old cottages – lovely. New buildings which are in sympathy – building materials, trees or garden (so blending with countryside) are fine. The ones that are very stark and bare look a bit out of place. More public trees would help.

Houses need to be in keeping with the village and tastefully built, not ultra modern. The boundary must be protected.

In keeping with village. Small family homes. Bungalows. Gardens & parking are important. Not too close together. Houses for downsizing.

Building boundary must be protected.

Worlaby House Farm – no residential development – outside development area.

If houses are built you need the infrastructure, school place, facilities etc.

Country cottage style keeps the quaintness of the village. However, a mix is good. Medium sized houses with good gardens, ideally.

I am not against more houses, but there should be no more than 20 and we don't need any more large houses.

Traffic

A slow down on Top Road near pleasure ground as children use the park there. School traffic is inevitable. We don't need a car park.

Coming from Brigg turning right into Top Road from Low Road is dangerous. Hedge needs cutting back.

Whilst agreeing that the hedge maintenance is essential, people disrespecting the speed limit on what is a restricted vision access to the village are a greater problem.

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There is congestion outside the school. But this is a price to be paid for having a village school.

I don't think another car park would help because people wouldn't use it.

Better car parking for the school. Everyone turns round in our drive. It is wearing the tarmac out. People use our drive as a turnaround at all times, not just school times.

Junction of Top Road and Low Road coming from Brigg is dangerous – cannot see around the corner unless cross over to middle of road.

Farmers to be encouraged to cut hedge back to give better view particularly at the junction of Top Road and Low Road and of Main Street and Low road.

If people drove slowly, didn't park near corners and recognised that this is a place people live, work and play it would be ok. I don't think a car park outside the village would work – it is not a touristy place. So congestion is us!

Slow traffic down by reducing speed limit to 20mph – traffic is dangerously fast and stops families walking due to risk.

Residents to be encouraged to cut back hedges to maintain visibility. Turning out of Main Street onto Low Road can be dangerous.

I don't think the school users would use a car park. It is obvious they want to be outside the school as close as possible.

When turning right onto Top Road from Elsham, it is a blind turning, you can't see traffic coming towards you. Maybe a speed bump to slow traffic would be useful.

Low Road traffic dangerous between Hurds Farm and the end of the school – traffic lights? One way system?

The most important thing re traffic is to get a parking area for the school. They do not care where they park, it is very dangerous.

The turn for Top Road off Low Road coming from Elsham is very dangerous because of cars speeding out of the village and it is impossible to see this traffic. Either the road needs widening or straightened at this point to prevent accidents.

Could children from the village be encouraged to walk to school? A walking bus?

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Where the road from Elsham enters the village, the right turn onto Top Road is dangerous as it is on a blind bend. This is made worse by some people speeding up as they leave the village in anticipation of the end of the 30 mph restriction. A speed bump on the village side of the junction would slow vehicles down. Alternatively a mini roundabout could be considered. At the least, a sign warning of a dangerous junction.

From Brigg turning into Top Road is dangerous as the view down Low Road is unsighted. Traffic speed on Low Road can be too high.

Move school to Worlaby House Farm site with parking within school premises. Present site could be residential.

Car parking by school atrocious especially school times. One day there will be an accident.

Coming into the village from Bonby the road and footpath outside the farm are muddy all year round.

Landscape Character (Views)

Need to keep green spaces.

The farm buildings should be an asset – the big barn is beautiful. The hideous metal fencing destroys the view.

Hedges to be cut back by householders responsible & of course council.

The visual impression of Worlaby is very important – the view of the church spire, for example.

I don't think it's that important not to see Bonby etc, but the space between the villages does need to be kept.

More trees could be planted on the approach from Bonby side to make it more attractive.

It is important to protect the spaces i.e. the open space between villages to keep individuality.

New signs are great – not too twee.

The view from Bonby on this pic looks a bit bleak.

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Seeing church from Elsham is lovely once into the village this view isn't as attractive as from Bonby – I think it's the lack of trees when entering village from Elsham (Low Road).
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Love the new signs! We should all be aware of everyone's perspective from where they live. Protect at all costs.

Yes, I like the new signs too !

Existing views should be protected i.e. of church. But the problem is that trees grow and obscure views over time.

The view of the village and especially the church as you come into the village from Elsham lifts your spirits. And the one from The Hill as well.

The whole character of the village was detrimentally affected when the industrial fencing was put in front of the lovely old brick and pantile farm building on Low Road. This building should be preserved.

New signs are very nice. Planting round them is very nice.

Amenities

Adult & teenage gym equipment on the recreation ground please.

A fruit orchard on Carr Lane, part of the rec ground too.

I hope someone else will be running the playgroup in 20 years.

We need a shop – maybe community owned and run.

Adult gym equipment would be fantastic.

Yes please to swimming pool in the chapel.

Yes please to a café too in the chapel.

Community/co op allotment.

Top of Carr Lane could be used to develop farm shop.

Part time Post Office needed.

Village café (chapel?)

Village shop.

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What about an adult 'outdoor' gym equipment near toddler park by village hall?

I think the bus service should be improved. I don't use it now but may need it in the future.

Small café would be great. Cyclists' heaven.

A toilet.

Doctor's surgery would be useful. In chapel? In hall?

Try to organise trip to coast for villagers that have no transport.

Any chance of some allotments here?

Living in a quiet village means I enjoy 'going out' whether it be shopping or recreation. Call Connect buses are great for non drivers. More cycle paths please. More bikes = less cars.

Community advice centre.

Coffee morning once a month in the village hall?

Adult 'gym' equipment on outdoor MUGA.

Doctor's surgery, if only part time.

Small café/meeting place for cyclists, villagers.

Adult gym and kids' skate park would be great.

Community swimming pool in chapel funded by crowdfunding.

Employment

We need a few small industrial/office units for small businesses.

Barriers to employment are premises.

We need a café, shop.

Unfortunately there is not much option for new business premises apart from home run businesses. The former lambing buildings could be renovated to cottage industries.

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The farm building on Low Road isn't used for lambing any more. Could it be renovated and used for 21st century type businesses – IT etc.

Our broadband signal is far better than my daughter's in London.

Old barns renovated for small craft units etc.

Farm shop – Worlabby House Farm site.

We have great broadband coverage (though dodgy phone signal) so should be able to encourage the sort of small office-based companies that can be anywhere – tech, arts, small industries – Ropewalk at Barton is a model.

Renewable Energy

Please keep wind turbines not too close to the village.

A little while ago I contacted Andrew Percy suggesting that Building Regs should be changed to make it compulsory to have solar panels fitted to all new buildings as it would not increase the cost by very much and be cheaper in the long term for the residents. He passed this on to the appropriate government dept. but the reply I received was some waffle about discouraging new building.

Why so much opposition to wind turbines? They are elegant, they are not polluting & they will only improve efficiency as technology moves on.

A small solar farm or small turbines e.g. community wind turbine on the tops or down the Carrs.

Definitely no wind turbines on the Carrs, perhaps on the ridge?

Solar panels, sadly, are very ugly. They do not enhance the village when on the front of the house.

Worlabby needs to contribute to a better life for the next generation and renewable energy must be a priority, but with careful planning.

Renewable energy is a must-have for the future. All new builds should have solar panels, ground heating etc.

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Solar panels on roofs – at back if poss. Far more impact on the look & character of the village than wind turbines.

Community project. e.g. a turbine or solar panels.

Community renewable energy project – power generated to support houses within the village.

A lot of people have solar panels already. Please no wind turbines spoiling the views.

Yes – shocking that there was so much opposition to wind farms. We've benefitted from energy produced by coal fired power stations at Eggborough etc. Don't suppose that house prices were enhanced there either.

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