

Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan

Update (Winter 2022)

What are we doing?

Audley Rural Parish Council is supporting a group of 16 local residents to develop and produce the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan (ARNP). This will cover the villages of Audley, Bignall End, Wood Lane, Miles Green, Scot Hay, Alsagers Bank and Halmer End. The ARNP is a document that sets out planning policies for the Parish until 2042. It highlights local green spaces, design guidance for any new housing and heritage assets we want to protect. Once the ARNP is Made, Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council (NBC) will use it, together with their NBC Local Plan, when they consider planning applications.



What have we done so far?

We are now at the final stages of writing the draft ARNP. Using the views gathered from residents of the Parish through the Household and Business surveys conducted earlier in 2022, and working with a consultant (Urban Vision Enterprise), the group are developing policies for future developments in the Parish. The key themes identified from the surveys will be used to shape these policies. You can see an infographic of the survey results by visiting our website www.audleyplan.org



We have also submitted a list of our Parish Heritage Assets to Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council (NBC) for them to consider and include in their Local List. We are also approaching the final stages in the development of a Design Code for the Parish. This will act as a guide to ensure any new housing development is in keeping with the local style, character and needs of the Parish. A Housing Needs Assessment has been created to understand the housing needs of the Parish, both now and in the future. We have completed the consultation on Local Green Spaces and identified 54 sites. Feedback from the consultation is being assessed to establish the final list of sites for designation. All of the above will be included in the ARNP.



What happens next?

The ARNP will become part of Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council's strategic plan together with their Local Plan. The NBC Local Plan sets out where new housing, roads, shops, businesses and schools should be until 2040 for the whole of Newcastle Borough. For more information, go to www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/all-services/planning/planning-policy/local-plan. Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council will decide how much new housing there will be and where it goes, but they will ask for your views and we can influence their decision through the ARNP. It is important that you take the opportunity to respond to the NBC Local Plan consultation, expected in the spring of 2023, as this will be your chance to influence how our villages and the whole of Newcastle Borough evolves over the next 20 years.



Winning entry for the logo competition - drawn by a pupil of **Sir Thomas Boughey Academy**



How can I have my say?

You will be able to comment on the ARNP before it is finalised and will be able to vote in a formal referendum once we reach that stage.

When can I get involved?

We will let you know when you need to provide your views on our Draft ARNP but we expect this to be around Spring 2023.

How long does this take?

Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan Area designated - December 2020

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group formed - April 2021

Development of Plan - June 2021 to November 2022

Housing Needs Assessment	Stakeholder engagement, Householder questionnaire	Design code, Character Assessment	Non-designated Heritage Asset selection, Green Space audit analysis	Analysis and Issues/ Aims	Policy mapping, issues, options, solutions	Input into NBC Local Plan/ Housing Sites
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Plan writing and draft Plan - November 2021 to February 2023

Policy and Proposals Formulation

Plan Writing

Draft Plan (Regulation 14) - Spring 2023

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