STOP PRESS Bolton-By Bowland and Tosside Neighbourhood Plan

Nigel's letter does a job in bringing the plan to the attention of villagers. The Parish Council recommended at its meeting on the 4 November 2013 that a plan be produced. A steering group was set up and a series of consultation meetings were held in 2014. The overall aim of the plan was developed at workshops involving villagers and is as follows:

**The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is to provide for sustainable growth which enhances the traditional character and lifestyle of our communities.** Please look at pages 12 to 16 of the plan document which can be found here: [http://tsbparish.org.uk/Documents/Submission_Version.aspx](http://tsbparish.org.uk/Documents/Submission_Version.aspx)

As part of the NP regulations we conducted a full consultation on the plan at the start of 2015. 74 pages of responses were received and they can be seen on the Parish Council website here: [http://tsbparish.org.uk/Consultation.aspx](http://tsbparish.org.uk/Consultation.aspx)

The plan was modified because of this consultation process and the submission version produced. At the Parish Council meeting in October 2016 it was agreed by councillors that the plan be forwarded to Ribble Valley Borough Council so that they can conduct the next stage of the process. This involves a second six week consultation process where people/organisations can make comment about the amended plan. The consultation responses will then be forwarded to an independent examiner who will assess whether the plan meets the regulations. The examiner can also advise on further changes necessary to the plan. If the examiner approves the plan it will then go forward to a referendum where the residents of BBB and Tosside will be able to vote for or against the plan. The plan if supported in the vote (simple majority) by residents will then have to be taken into account when planning decisions are being made.

Nigel's and Councillor Atkinson’s views are to be respected and they are now able to make their comments at the next round of consultation. Neither of them made comments at the first consultation stage. (Note we had 41 comments from other individuals in just Holden (Nigel's abode) so the process was well publicised.) There were 144 comments about the draft plan in total.
In both Nigel’s and Councillor Atkinson’s letter there is some innuendo directed at the volunteers who have produced this plan. On behalf of the steering group (and others) I do not accept their comments. I advise them to comment on the plan at the next consultation stage and if that is constructive then all the better. As of last Wednesday (2/11/16) Nigel told me that he has been too busy to read the plan but for those of you who wish to shape the plan then please read it and take the opportunity to comment on it when RVBC launch the next six week consultation process.

Thank you.

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