East Leake Community Plan 2014

Action Plan

2nd April 2014

Where we live - Planning and Housing

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescale to initiate action	Achievements
Ensure the right mix of housing type and tenure in any new developments	Include as a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan	East Leake Neighbourhood Plan	2014 to 2016	
Limit the number of new houses over and above that required by the Rushcliffe Borough Council local plan (or "Core Strategy").	Include as a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan	East Leake Neighbourhood Plan	2014 to 2016	
Phase the new houses required by the Core Strategy over the period of the plan	Include as a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan	East Leake Neighbourhood Plan	2014 to 2016	
Minimise loss of greenfield sites for new housing developments	Include as a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan	East Leake Neighbourhood Plan	2014 to 2016	
Keep new housing within walking distance of village centre	Include as a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan	East Leake Neighbourhood Plan	2014 to 2016	
Ensure Section 106* money is requested, and spent on the village's priorities *A legally binding agreement under the Town and Country Planning Act, between the local planning authority and a	Create master list of income, allocations and expenditure Respond to planning consultations Monitor to ensure	East Leake Parish Council East Leake Community Plan Group East Leake Neighbourhood Plan	On-going After 2016, monitoring will become the responsibility of the East Leake Parish Council.	

developer which ensures that services of possibly a recreational, educational, housing or health nature are included in the development, in order to make the granting of planning permission more acceptable.	expenditure take place Consult regularly to see if priorities have been addressed and new ones arisen			

Our surroundings - Environment

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescale to initiate action	Achievements
To improve the central shopping area of the village with a view to making it more attractive and pedestrian friendly.	Consult with relevant councils, local residents and businesses about improving the village centre and making it more pedestrian friendly. Ask for an assessment of accessibility.	Rushcliffe Borough Council, East Leake Parish Council This Involves Nottinghamshire County Council (Highways)	2023	Continued provision of Christmas lights and trees and bunting in the summer from 2014. Established that the East Leake Parish Council is responsible for the upkeep of the flower beds in the village centre.
	Feed evidence from the community questionnaire into the Neighbourhood Plan	East Leake Community Plan Group	2014	
	Ensure that all any future developments in our village include Section 106 bids to improve amenities in East Leake.	East Leake Parish Council	Ongoing	
	Look into getting grants towards improvements/local improvement schemes and promoting these to shop owners and landlords.	Rushcliffe Borough Council, East Leake Parish Council, Traders Association	2018	East Leake Parish Council wrote to all retail property owners with details of the shop front improvement scheme. As at 2013, one shop has benefited from the scheme.

Address littering and dog fouling	Lobby Rushcliffe Borough Council with feedback from the survey and request increased litter picking and dog warden activity Launch a campaign to promote responsible dog ownership. Encourage reporting of regular fouling to the dog warden via the East Leake Parish Council office. Set up a volunteer litter picking group	East Leake Community Plan Group East Leake Parish Council Local Schools East Leake Community Support Officers Nottinghamshire Police Volunteer from the Community.	Annual campaign from 2014 onwards	East Leake Parish Council now has Community Dog Warden provision. The Community Warden has training and some devolved powers passed on from Rushcliffe Borough Council.
Improve the appearance of the Sheepwash and Kingston brooks	Regular maintenance, clearing and litter picking	Trent Valley Drainage Board, East Leake Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council	2018	

Getting around and staying safe - Transport and Crime Prevention

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescale to initiate action	Achievements
Make policing a priority and reduce anti-social behaviour	Actively encourage residents to report crime. Increased crime statistics may lead to increased police presence. Engage with uniformed Groups (such as Scouts, Guides etc.) and schools to promote good citizenship. Advertise for volunteers to staff the police drop in office to increase the opening hours. Write to Notts Police with feedback from the survey regarding the opening hours of the police drop in office and police presence in the village Raise awareness of closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras in the village.	Neighbourhood Watch, East Leake Community Support Officers, Nottinghamshire Police, Rushcliffe Borough Council Environmental Department, Anti-Social Behaviour Department at Nottinghamshire County Council East Leake Community Plan Group East Leake Parish Council and East Leake Community Plan Group	On-going 2015 2015 and bi annually thereafter.	

Provide further pedestrian crossings within the village.	Conduct a traffic survey e.g. at school opening and closing times to ensure the siting of another crossing is appropriate. Write to Nottinghamshire County Council with the feedback from the survey	Neighbourhood Watch, Nottinghamshire County Council, Highways Department, East Leake Parish Council East Leake Community Plan Group	2015 2015	A pedestrian crossing was built on Main Street as a result of a local campaign.
Explore traffic calming and speed prevention measures	Write to Nottinghamshire County Council to ask them to consider traffic calming measures other than speed bumps. Publicise Community Speedwatch	Neighbourhood Watch, Nottinghamshire County Council Nottinghamshire Police, East Leake Parish Council	2014 priority action	Temporary speed alert signs have been erected at various locations around the village from time to time. Survey conducted by Neighbourhood Watch in 2012 identified roads where speeding was most common. Several Community Speedwatches organised by residents in 2013.

Improve parking in the village	Write to Rushcliffe Borough Council to request traffic wardens visit the village more often on varying days to enforce existing double yellow lines and to put in more yellow lines. Explore sites for the provision of additional parking spaces within the village. Discuss with relevant authorities parking restrictions and permits.	East Leake Community Plan Group Rushcliffe Borough Council Nottinghamshire Parking Partnership East Leake Parish Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council Rushcliffe Borough Council, East Leake Parish Council	2014 2015 2014/15	Consultation is underway in 2014 for double yellow lines in the village centre for safety reasons. 2014 – Quotes have been obtained for additional parking in the Health Centre Car Park together with consideration of a new layout there. Plans to be drawn up for extending Gotham Road Car Park.
Improve frequency of bus services at weekends and evenings between East Leake and Nottingham and Loughborough	Write to Nottingham City Transport with the feedback from the survey	East Leake Community Plan Group	2015	
Address concerns about lack of street lighting at night	Encourage residents to report areas where reduced street lighting is causing safety concerns. Write to Notts County Council with the feedback from the survey	Nottinghamshire County Council, Neighbourhood Watch East Leake Community Plan Group	Ongoing 2014	Petition organised by residents 2013 and submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council. The situation is being monitored.

Looking after ourselves and each other - Health and Social Care

Improve provision of and access to healthcare services	Explore feasibility of enlarging or rebuilding the existing Health Centre and establish Health Centre Project Team	Health Centre, Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS), Patient Partnership Group	2014	East Leake Community Plan Group sent the results of the Community Plan survey to the Public Health Manager at Nottinghamshire County Council to feed into their health and wellbeing strategy consultation.
	Engage support from Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS) to improve Health Centre and its services	Health Centre	2015	
	Contact and consult with the Health Centre with results from the survey about healthcare provision	East Leake Community Plan Group	2015	
	Establish Patients' petition in support of new facilities	Patient Partnership Group	2015	
	Improve information on services for disabled, older people and children.	Health Centre, Surestart, Community Care	2016	
	Survey demand for healthcare facilities and pass on information to prospective suppliers			

Promote SureStart as a valuable resource in the village	Discuss with SureStart their current services and ways to expand and publicise these. Encourage young families to engage with SureStart to support maintaining this service within our community.	Surestart, East Leake Community Plan Group	2015	
Improve access to and knowledge about Social Care facilities within East Leake.	Identify sources of information about social care, and arrange for their display locally Determine what additional resources are needed locally for older people and disabled people. Explore new ways of utilising skills through community initiative. Encourage local people to set up carer provision services to provide local employment. Assist Community Care by fostering volunteering to maintain existing services	Health Centre, Surestart, Community Care	2016	

Future prospects - Education

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescale to initiate action	Achievements
To address the concern that the village primary schools are overcrowded and ensure there is adequate pre-school provision if new houses are built in the village.	Contact the Local Education Office and request a review of the trends in pupil numbers. Ensure that any future housing developments in our village include funds to extend and improve existing primary schools and that this is considered at the planning stage.	School Governors Local parents	On-going subject to new planning applications.	
To explore and promote possibilities for adult education provision in East Leake	Investigate possible venues for adult education classes and cost. Contact local colleges, schools and the Surestart Centre regarding providing leaders for adult education courses. Bring together potential teachers, students and venues. Advertise adult education classes Support the provision of adult education in IT	East Leake Parish Council, Local Schools, Surestart Centre Surestart Centre	2015 2015 2015 2014	A basic IT low cost/free course has been arranged at Lantern Lane Primary School in 2013. University of the Third Age (U3A) course coming soon.

Our spare time - Culture, leisure and Sport

Aim	Action Needed	Who	Timescale to initiate action	Achievements
Improve facilities at the village hall and explore the possibility of having a designated community centre.	Consult with local residents and East Leake Parish Council about refurbishing the village hall or building a new community centre. Look into grants to continue to upgrade the current village hall. Ensure that all any future developments in our village include Section 106 bids for improving amenities in East Leake. Set up a community "hub" for volunteering opportunities. East Leake East Leake Parish Council to act as a signposting service.	Village Hall Committee East Leake Parish Council East Leake Community Plan Group Village Hall Committee East Leake Parish Council East Leake Parish Council	2016 2018 Ongoing 2015	The Village Hall received Section 106 monies to make improvements.

	Set up a Community Forum Group led by a Community Champion encourage joint working and encourage Community Champions to take on voluntary projects Use business expertise for mentoring and set up a timebanking scheme		To be launched at the Community Plan event in April 2014	
Encourage more take up of sport and leisure activities in the village	Increase publicity and communication about what activities, clubs and societies are available. Provide dedicated notice boards at Costock Road and Gotham Road Keep leisure centre open and improve changing and viewing facilities Explore possibility of grants from local businesses or other funders to support activities.	East Leake Parish Council East Leake Playing Fields Charity	2016 2014/15	

Aim to extend the library's opening hours	Write to Nottinghamshire County Council with the feedback from the survey about extending the library's opening hours	East Leake Community Plan Group	2015	
Look into providing outdoor Gym Equipment	East Leake Parish Council to nominate suitable site (e.g. Meadow Park) Funding to be obtained	East Leake Parish Council East Leake Parish Council, East Leake Community Plan Group	2014 2015	"Play Field" within the park has been provisionally earmarked for this facility.
Improve parking facilities at the pavilion on Costock Road Playing Fields	Funding opportunities to be explored More 'Off Street' Parking required – could this be explored as part of any housing development in this area.	East Leake Playing Fields Charity East Leake Playing Fields Charity, East Leake Parish Council	2016 2015/16	

The next generation - Young People

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescale to initiate action	Achievements
To explore the possibility of having a location for youth club or teen cafe.	Establish a suitable location. Ensure that all any future developments in our village include Section 106 bids to improve facilities for the youth in our village. Apply for grants to support youth community projects. Establish staffing and running of the facility.	Youth Council & Young People Support and advice can be provided by Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire and the Traders Association	Link to developing Village Hall	
To provide more community youth activities such as film nights, picnics etc.	Raise money by having film nights/concerts for all ages. Apply for grants Engage with local young people and consider feasibility of setting up a Youth Council	Youth Council East Leak Parish Council Formation of Youth Parish Council is imminent as at 2014	Ongoing	

Refurbish the Gotham Road playground.	Access grants for additional equipment Consult with parents, guardians and young people over provision Include equipment for children of all abilities	East Leake Parish Council - Amenities Group East Leake Community Plan Group	2016	Skate Park built in 2013 Playground equipment now being chosen and implemented in the next 2 to 5 years
Expand playground facilities and open playing fields available within East Leake.	Inclusion of playground /open spaces facilities in new development plans (S106) The East Leake Parish Council vision for play in the village is to provide a single, large, modern and challenging play area in the centre of the village for all ages and abilities.	East Leake Neighbourhood Plan East Leake Parish Council	2014 2018	

Business

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescale to initiate action	Achievements
Encourage residents to shop locally and support local business	Implement local offers, loyalty schemes, local pound Launch “shop local” or “use it or lose it” campaign. Explore broadening the retail offering in the village Support for people to establish their own business. Cost effective premises to be made available for businesses starting up. Job creation and employment. Offer training and advice in local café Engage with local groups and people	Traders Association East Leake Community Plan Group East Leake Parish Council	2015	

Explore possibility of providing a bank or banking service in East Leake	Carry out a feasibility study for a Community bank Set up a Credit Union	East Leake Community Plan Group Traders Association	2015	
Provision of a local suppliers market	Identify a suitable location – possibly the centre of the village – and allowable goods to sell	Traders Association	2017	Christmas Lights switch on organised November 2013 which promoted local businesses. Very well attended event.
Encourage businesses to communicate more with the local community	Promote the local Blue Book directory Set up an East Leake Facebook page for local businesses to communicate their products / services Install business notice boards, free promotion in local publications, monthly business news letters (paper and electronic versions) Traders Association to hold forum to ask residents what they	Traders Association Traders Association Co-Ordinating Champion Traders Association, East Leake Parish Council Traders Association	2015 Annually Annually	Blue Book updated and reissued to all households in 2013

	would like to see in terms of business offering in the village Continue to promote local businesses at regular community events		Annually	
Support the provision of more family-friendly dining options	Contact local pubs and other food outlets and make them aware of the results of the Community Plan Questionnaire. Encourage local food outlets to engage with the public about the food they would like to see offered in the village.	East Leake Community Plan Group Traders Association	2015	East Leake Community Plan Group wrote to the lease holders of the Three Horseshoes with the results of the survey in May 2013 as the pub was available to lease.