Introduction & Planning Policy Context

Introduction

Please provide your comments:
None

Burscough NPA

Please provide your comments:
There needs to be a greater focus on promoting the locally owned businesses in the Village Centre. Although Tesco created a lot of jobs initially it also destroyed many local businesses in the village centre over time. Grocers, Off Licence's and Newsagents, Butchers have all closed. The reduced footfall to and from those shops has then gone on to affect the viability and sustainability of other businesses. Ringtail retail park has deepened these issues. Locally spent money is now leaving the community in the coffers of large companies like Tesco, B&M, Aldi and Booths instead of feeding back into the local economy by being spent in Ramages, Grahams, the Butchers and the surrounding shops. There also need to be a focus on increasing external visitors, improving footfall for the Village Centre and Burscough Wharf.

The Planning Policy Context
Please provide your comments:
On point 2.10, there should be greater clarity over what 'other local community facilities' actually means.

Key Diagram

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Please provide your comments on the Key Diagram:
No comments

Burscough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Area Issues and Considerations

The Burscough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Area Issues and Considerations

Please provide your comments quoting the relevant paragraph number or figure.:
Local businesses and establishments need more help. The Lord Street Opportunity area, along with the area adjacent to the Sport Centre will help. Ringtail retail park has just decreased footfall to businesses that were already struggling due to the dominance of Tesco.
We need to promote Burscough more and make more of the Wharf, the Cricket Club and other central areas to increase local trade.
New housing developments need to be realistic. It is ridiculous that Redrow believe their £189,950 2 bed houses contribute to affordable housing in the area. There are already 2/3 bedroom houses available for £150,000 and these are out of reach for first time buyers. A considerate development of houses around £125,000 would be more suitable.

Infrastructure (Policies BPI1 - BPI4)

BPI1: Development and Infrastructure

Please provide your comments on Policy BPI1.:
The level of development to infrastructure alongside the development of Burscough has been laughable. A village of 5,000 residents has grown to a town of 20,000 in the space of 20-25 years without any significant improvement to the road or drainage provision to the area. There are numerous hotspots for issues in the area.

BPI2: Surface Water Drainage

Please provide your comments on Policy BPI2.: 

BPI3: Foul Water Drainage

Please provide your comments on Policy BPI3: 

BPI4: High Quality Communications Infrastructure

Please provide your comments on Policy BPI4:
Business and Homes alike would benefit greatly from improved access to communication and IT provision. Fibre quality internet is a must.

Local Plan Compliance

Community (Policies BPC1 - BPC2)

BPC1: Community Infrastructure

Please provide your comments on Policy BPC1:

BPC2: Community Hub Opportunity Area

Please provide your comments on Policy BPC2:
A developed community hub, along with Lord Street Opportunity area, would greatly improve the footfall and prospects of the area. An improved and developed football club would also help.
The new bridge from the Heathfields estate to the Cricket Club will massively help the footfall to the wharf and village centre.

Figure 6.8: Community Hub Opportunity Area

Local Plan Compliance

Next Steps

Do you request to be notified of the Local Planning Authority’s future decision to either refuse or ‘make’ (adopt) the neighbourhood plan as Council policy?

Yes
If Yes, please provide your email address:

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