

Longstone Area Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting – 18th November 2026

A neighbourhood plan is a community-driven process where residents work together to develop policies and set out proposals for how their local area will change and grow in the future. These plans allow communities to influence the types and locations of new development, such as homes, shops, and offices, and to protect local assets like green spaces. Once approved through a local referendum, the plan gains legal force and guides development within the community.

Your Village

Your Choice

Your Voice

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Purpose of the meeting tonight

- To get you all to think about the following question –

  "***Imagine the future of Longstone. What new facilities would make a real difference to you, or which existing facilities would you protect?"***

- Explain to you the difference between the Neighbourhood Plan and Village Plans.

- Present to you the plain English summaries of the draft Neighbourhood Plan, and the other issues raised through your feedback that will fall into a wider Village Plan.

- For you to give your feedback on the content.

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What new facilities would make a real difference to you?

- Villages surrounding us have had new village halls, new sporting facilities, enhanced recreational facilities, affordable houses, community land trusts, etc.etc.
- Last shared developments were the extension to the village hall in 1994 and the tennis court in 1971
- Longstone Area has made the best of what it has!

- What do you want in our area over, say, the next 10 years
- How do we address the needs and aspirations of the residents?

- The Neighbourhood Plan needs to enable these ambitions.
  - Protect what's good
  - Facilitate what's needed

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Neighbourhood Plan and Village Plans

Feature	Neighbourhood Plan	Village Plan (Parish / Community Plan)
Legal Status	Statutory document. Forms part of the official Development Plan	Non-statutory document. Acts only as a "material consideration" or background guidance.
Primary Focus	Strictly restricted to Planning issues and matters concerning the development and use of land. Covers building sites, building design, green space protection, and associated infrastructure.	Holistic community life. Covers social, economic, and environmental issues.
Approval Process	Requires formal consultation, an independent examination, and a local referendum (>50% vote required).	Endorsed by the parish council or local community group without external examination or a public vote.

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Workstreams

- **Business and Tourism;** Jeremy, Sean and Richard
- **Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy;** Jonathan and Andy
- **Creating Community;** Simon, Deborah and Alexa
- **Land Management and Nature Recovery;** Sara, Alexa and Jonathan
- **Transport;** Georgina and Andy
- **Housing;** Deborah and Frank

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Workstream Presentations

Business and Tourism

Jeremy, Sean and Richard

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Business & Tourism

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B1: Protection of Local Business Premises
We want to protect key local businesses and services so they aren't lost to housing or holiday lets without the community having a say.

B2: Managing Short-Term Holiday Let Conversions
Converting homes into holiday lets can drive up house prices and hollow out our village community. This policy sets clear planning guidelines for new holiday conversions.

B3: New or Expanded Holiday Accommodation
We welcome new or expanded holiday sites, provided they are properly sized and located without creating extra traffic or parking problems.

B4: Change of Use of Existing Sites
For new visitor facilities like cafes, we focus on the value they add to the village while carefully managing traffic and parking impacts.

B5: Rural Enterprise and Development
We actively support local commercial and office space, while ruling out heavy industrial uses that bring extra lorries, noise, or pollution into our villages.

Support local businesses and tourism while protecting community services, homes, and the unique character of our villages.

What Can We Do for Business & Tourism Beyond Planning Policies?

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- Business Directory - a way for everyone here to find out what services are offered by business within the area.
- Visit Longstone website - a central place to find out about the area
- Longstone Loops - walking trails through the villages to try and steer walking tourists from the trail up through the villages, hopefully resulting in increased spend.
- A more permanent parking solution in the villages?
- … we'd love to hear any others!



Workstream Presentations

Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy

Jonathan

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Climate & Energy Policies

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RE1: Energy Equity (overarching principle)

The Plan supports a fair chance to access clean, affordable energy for households across the parishes. Climate benefits and heritage impacts weighed openly and proportionately; households in constrained locations should not be left behind.

RE2: Renewable Energy & Sustainability Technologies

The Plan supports sensitively designed renewable energy and energy-efficiency measures such as solar, heat pumps, battery storage, EV charging and community schemes. Policy RE1 should guide any planning processes.

RE3: Future Proofing

The Plan supports new technologies and policy changes that deliver clean, affordable energy with equal or lesser heritage/landscape impact.

Help residents access cleaner, more affordable energy while respecting the special character of our villages.

What Can We Do for Climate and Energy Beyond Planning Policies?

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Explore community energy projects for Great Longstone and Little Longstone.

Work with partners to improve public EV charging provision.

Provide local support on:

- Heat pumps
- Solar panels
- Energy efficiency in traditional stone homes
- Grants and funding opportunities

Investigate group-buying or bulk retrofit schemes to reduce costs for residents.

Monitor changes in technology, planning policy and funding opportunities, and share information with the community.



Workstream Presentations

Creating Community;

Simon, Deborah and Alexa

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Community

Our aim is a village where people of all ages can make a life.
The Community workstream focuses on three areas, drawing on the policies in the other workstreams and on actions the community can take itself.

1. A place that is attractive to young families with children

Supports early years provision, the school and family-friendly services and facilities, including the shared use of existing buildings, so that families can settle in the villages and stay.

2. A place where you can remain as you age and your needs change

Supports accessible homes and the services and facilities that let people stay in the villages as their needs change, including care provision, spaces for drop-in activities, health outreach and transport.

3. The community spaces and organisations that let social, cultural and recreational life flourish

Keeps the recreation ground and Village Hall in community use, and supports improving their buildings and facilities, including a new hall if the community decides one is needed, so that the groups that run village life have the space they need.



Workstream Presentations

Land Management and Nature Recovery

Sara, Alexa and Jonathan

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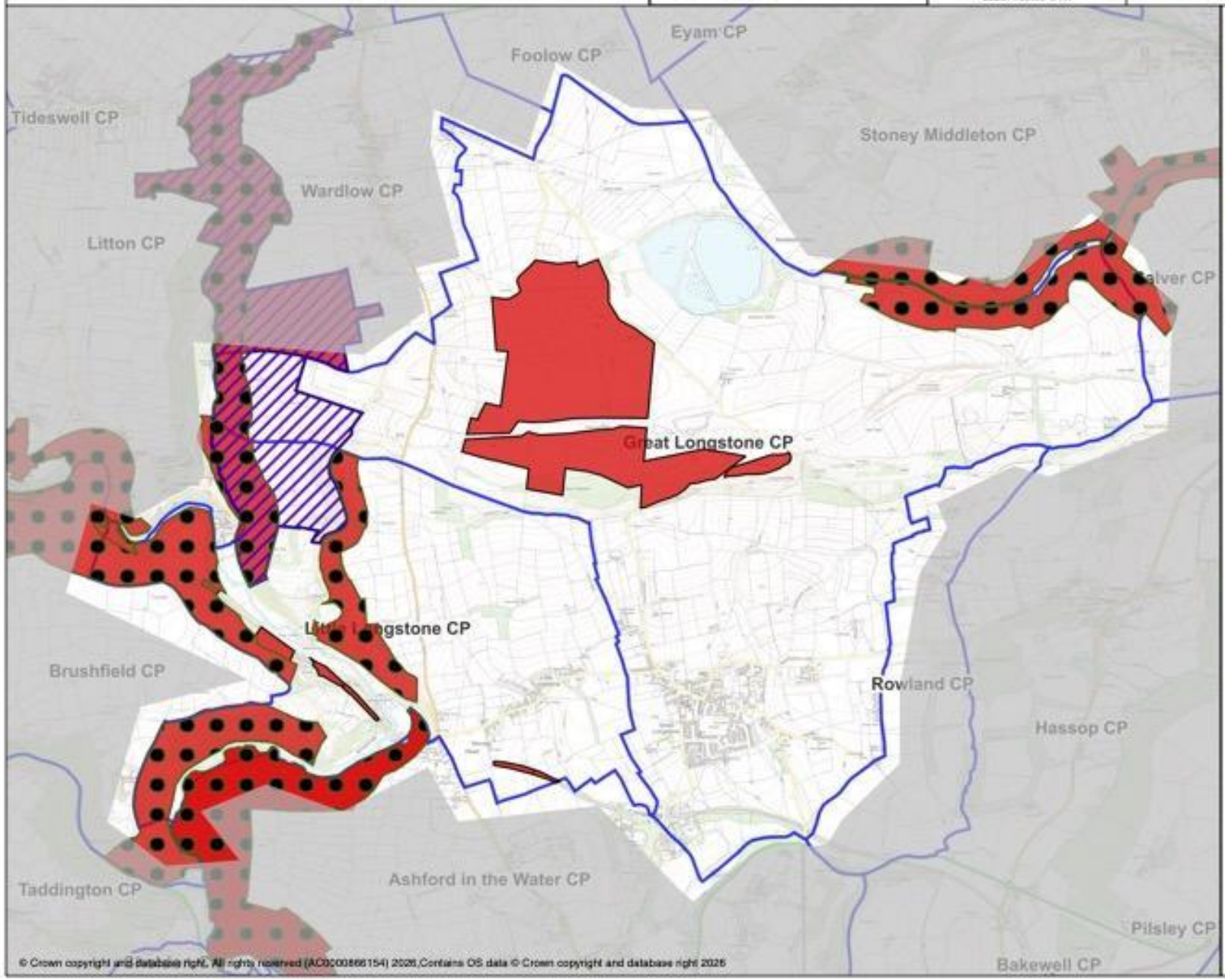
LM1 Landscape Character & Special Qualities
Villagers view the priorities for the area as being nature-friendly farming, habitat networks, protected sites and species conservation. The Plan seeks to ensure that development proposals conserve, and where possible, enhance the Special Qualities of the Plan area.

LM2 Farm Diversification
Villagers recognise the need to assist farmers with their ability to manage the land. Proposals for farm diversification are supported provided they do not detract from the Special Qualities of the Plan area. The Plan seeks to assist farmers in their need for diversification.

LM3 Local Green Spaces
Villagers value the open spaces within the villages and have a desire to protect green spaces from development. The Plan seeks to designate Local Green Spaces thereby supporting the protection and enhancement of these areas for their community use and wildlife value.

LM4 Disused Mine/quarry Restoration and Aftercare
Villagers wish to see disused mining/quarry sites restored to a safe state that prioritises ecological and heritage value. The Plan seeks to support such restoration.

Map of Special Qualities	Great Longstone	PARISH ONLINE
1. Protected sites	**Author:** S. Barrett	0 200 400 600 800m
	Date: 10/09/2026	Scale: 1:30000 @ A4





Map of Special Qualities

2. Habitats and wildlife features

Great Longstone

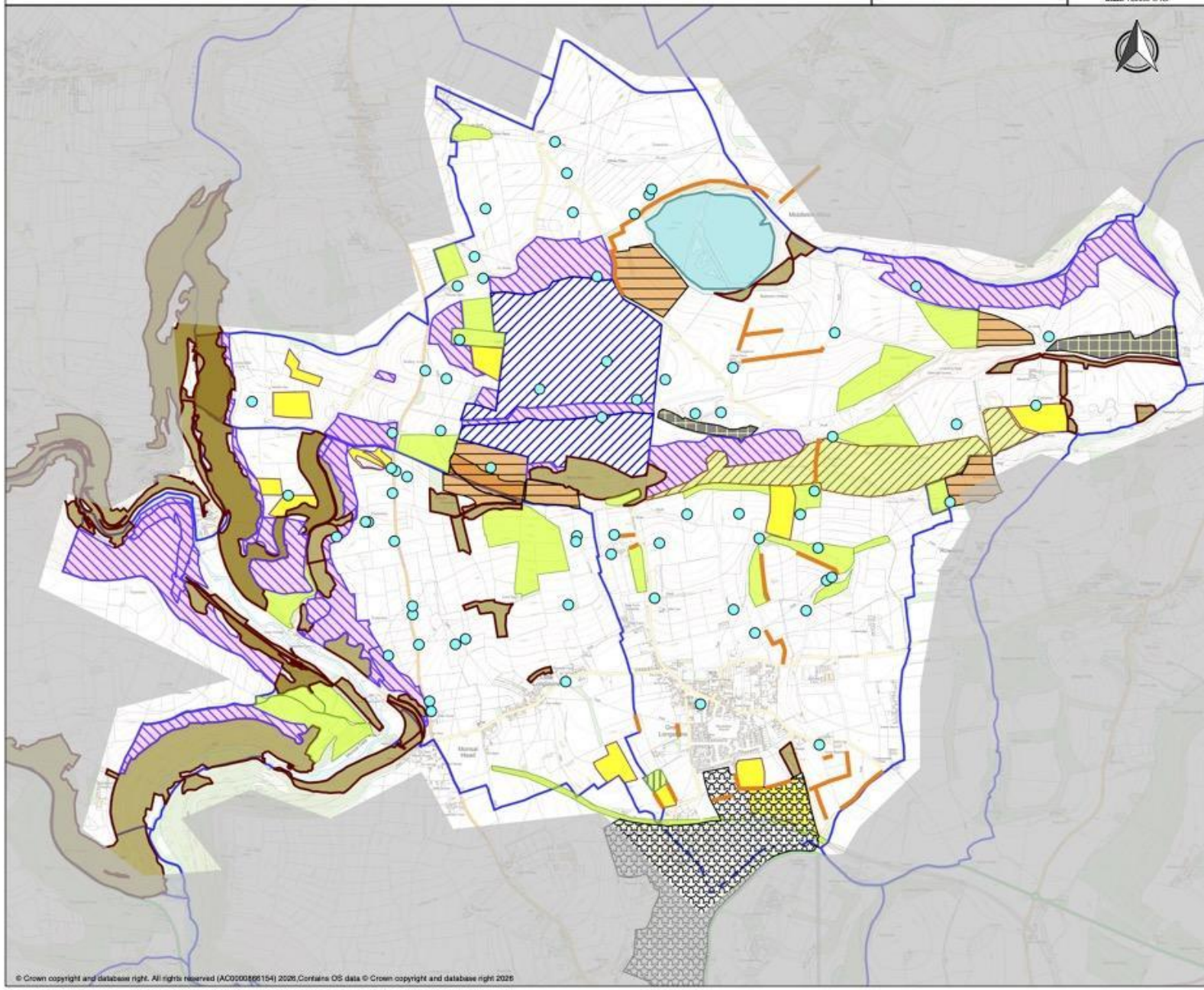
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PARISH ONLINE



Parish

Longstone habitats

- Wetland
- Acid grassland
- Flower-rich grassland
- Grassland restoration (ex mining)
- Hay meadow
- Hay meadow restoration
- Limestone grassland
- Limestone grassland & scrub
- Limestone heath
- Woodland
- Zero input grassland
- Parkland

Hedge planting (new)

Ponds

LANP boundary

What Can We Do for Land Management and Nature Recovery Beyond Planning Policies?

- Dog ownership and behaviours
- Lack of respect and understanding for the countryside e.g. litter, disturbance to wildlife, gates left open
- Road traffic hazard areas e.g. Moor Road
- Camping on Longstone Edge
- Promote greater understanding between the village and farmers
- Off roading activity
- Erosion and verges
- More hedges & woodland
- More bridleways
- Use of pesticides within the villages



Workstream Presentations

Transport

Georgina

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Transport Policies

T1: Active Travel

To promote and improve the existing pavement, footpath and cycle network linking areas of housing with places where residents congregate, such as school, village hall, pubs, bus stops.

T2: Car Parking

There are some areas within the Longstone Area Plan that regularly have issues with car parking, creating problems from obstructing pavements through to stopping bus services from operating. We want to make sure that any new developments have adequate off road parking facilities for residents and guests, and that any conversions to holiday homes have parking reflective of the additional cars that are associated with these facilities. We need to recognise and address the impact of both pavement parking and lack of pavements.

T3: Public Transport

We need to make sure that the existing bus service schedule is not impacted by parking issues and protect future improvements to service (Switzerland in the Peak District) from delays by looking at areas of congestion.

What Can We Do Beyond Planning Policies?

How do we want to share the road space in our villages between people, animals and cars?

- Do we want traffic to travel though our villages more slowly? (20 mph speed limit)
- Can we stop people parking on pavements?
- What's the best way to protect pedestrians where there are no pavements? (e.g. Youlgreave 'pedestrian priority' markings)
- How do we deal with problem parking in critical areas (near road junctions and bridges)?

How can we encourage people to visit us using sustainable transport options?

- Can we have a public electric vehicle charging facility?
- Where can visiting cyclists leave their bikes?
- How can we promote our village bus service?



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Housing

Deborah and Frank

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Housing Policy

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We want any new affordable housing built in the Longstones to go to local people who need it, and to stay affordable for good, not just for the first tenant or buyer. This policy sets out what any affordable housing scheme needs to deliver, wherever and whenever it comes forward.

Affordable housing is primarily rental and goes to people with a strong local connection. This may be people already in the village, or whose family live here or who have moved away because housing here is not affordable.

Development would most likely be on rural exception sites

We also want to see the village's historic and heritage buildings looked after: if converting one to housing is the only realistic way to conserve it, we would support that too, provided whoever lives there makes it their primary residence.

What Can We Do for Housing Beyond Planning Policies?

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- Other housing development e.g market, conversions.
- Listed buildings, structures or assets considered as historic or heritage assets.
- Key community buildings – assets of community value
- Essential services, shop, pubs, garage. Public amenities.
- Community Interest Company.

Recognised as issues, but in Local Authority / external control

- Major Infrastructure such as
  - Drainage.
  - Water supply.
- Broadband and connectivity.

Next Steps & Questions

Any Other Questions?

Any interest in contributing to Workstreams?

Ad-Hoc meetings held in the local pubs to discuss strategy, next steps etc.

Next Steps for the Steering Committee to complete the NP draft report and discuss detail with PDNPA.

Village Plan issues will progress depending on resource.

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Thank You!

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HAVE YOUR SAY!

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