Have your say on the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Spring Boroughs

Your opportunity to shape the future of our community

Questionnaire

Pre-submission Neighbourhood Development Plan Proposal for Spring Boroughs

Spring Boroughs Voice has prepared a draft Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the Spring Boroughs community to shape new development in the area. Once completed, the plan will be used by Northampton Borough Council when determining planning applications.

Spring Boroughs Voice would like to hear your views on the draft Plan.

Every household and business in Spring Boroughs has been sent a copy of the draft Plan and questionnaire by post—please read the Plan and complete a questionnaire.

The Plan and questionnaire can also be downloaded and completed online at www.northampton.gov.uk/springboroughsplan

Extra copies of the questionnaire will be available at the Springs Family Centre, Castle Hill URC, and the Castle Community Hub.

You can talk to members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group about the draft Plan at the following drop-in sessions:

Afternoon Tea - Castle Community Hub, Blackfriars House, Upper Cross Street, Tuesday 24th March 2pm – 4pm
Residents Meeting featuring Question Time
Springs Family Centre, 9 Tower Street, Tuesday 24th March 7pm – 8.30pm
Morning Coffee - Springs Family Centre, 9 Tower Street, Thursday 26th March 10am – 12 noon
Open Forum Meeting - Springs Family Centre, 9 Tower Street, Thursday 26th March 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Morning Coffee - Castle Community Hub, Blackfriars House, Upper Cross Street, Friday 27th March 9am – 11am
Fun Day - Community Garden, Herbert Street, Saturday 28th March 12pm – 4pm
Open Forum Meeting - Springs Family Centre, 9 Tower Street, Thursday 23rd April 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Please return completed questionnaires to the Springs Family Centre, Tower Street, Spring Boroughs, Northampton NN1 2SN

Questionnaires must be returned by 11 May 2015
Your views on the draft Vision and Objectives

The draft Plan sets out a “Vision” which describes what Spring Boroughs should be like in the future. To deliver the vision, the Plan will seek to achieve a number of objectives.

The Vision

The Neighbourhood Plan will push Spring Boroughs up the league of desirable neighbourhoods in Northampton. The Plan will drive towards a Spring Boroughs which is a vibrant neighbourhood with a balanced and diverse community. Spring Boroughs will be a great place to live and work close to the town centre and the Enterprise Zone, the new rail station and university, and will support Northampton’s character, identity and cultural life. Spring Boroughs will become known by people at all stages of their lives as one of the best parts of the town.

Spring Boroughs will be known for its strong community, rich urban character, attractive streets and spaces. It will be safe and enjoyable to move around on foot or bike and be will connected to the rest of Northampton and beyond by public transport.

Please indicate whether you agree, are neutral or disagree with the proposed Vision:

Add any comments you may have on the Vision below:

Objectives

1. Housing: to create opportunities for new housing development, with a focus on bringing forward more affordable family-sized housing for residents of Spring Boroughs.
2. Play space and youth facilities: to create opportunities for a variety new and improved youth and play facilities, which are both fun and safe, and cater for a range of age groups.
3. Community Facilities: to create opportunities for the development of new and improved community facilities in the local area, which provide residents with opportunities for leisure and social activities, and facilitate greater interaction amongst local people, contributing to enhanced community relations.
4. Heritage Gateway: to protect and enhance the setting of the historic features located at the south of Spring Boroughs, and to create a gateway into Spring Boroughs which maximises the potential of these valuable heritage assets.
5. Transport: to improve pedestrian and cycle routes within Spring Boroughs, and promote greater connectivity between surrounding areas such as the town centre, train station and Enterprise Zone.
6. Community Safety: to create a safe and secure neighbourhood and minimise opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour.
7. Environment: to create and support opportunities for improving the local environment, including promoting further community gardening and the improvement of key gateways into Spring Boroughs from surrounding areas.

Please indicate whether you agree, are neutral or disagree with the proposed Objectives:

Add any comments you may have on the Objectives below:

Your views on the draft Policies

The draft Plan includes policies to shape new development in Spring Boroughs. Please indicate whether you agree, are neutral or disagree with the policies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

OP1 - Sustainable Development Principles

OP2 - Family Housing

OP3 - Children’s play space & other green spaces

OP4 - Community Facilities

OP5 - Streets, Movement and Parking

AB Policy 1 - North West Spring Boroughs

AB Policy 2 - Central Spring Boroughs

AB Policy 3 - South of Spring Boroughs

Please use this space to write any comments you would like to make about the draft Neighbourhood Plan, its Policies and Proposals. You may continue on an additional sheet(s).