

QUINTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2011-2031

Referendum Thursday 19th January 2023

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. In simple terms what is this Plan ?

A. The Plan is a set of policies which aim to influence how Quinton Parish develops. The Plan is designed to reflect the wishes of residents as captured through various consultation exercises over the last 4 years.

Q. Why do we need a referendum?

A. The law requires a referendum to determine whether the Plan has the support of residents.

Q. Will the Plan make any difference to development in Quinton Parish?

A. Potentially yes; if the Plan is passed in the referendum then Stratford District Council (SDC) have to take the Plan's policies into account when deciding on planning applications. The Plan includes policies on housing development, local green spaces, heritage and infrastructure.

Q. What happens if there are more 'No' votes than 'Yes' votes?

A. SDC will continue to decide planning applications without taking the Plan's policies into account.

Q. Why does the Plan permit more housing to be built in Quinton Parish despite most residents not wanting this?

A. The Plan has to be consistent with the SDC's planning policies. These permit in-fill housing (ie within the built up area boundaries of Upper and Lower Quinton) and in the countryside in certain limited circumstances. SDC's policies also require 'reserve sites' to be identified.

Q. What is a 'reserve site' ?

A. A 'reserve site' is a plot of land identified as the most suitable for future housing should this be required by SDC if the numbers of houses across Stratford district are falling short of the target agreed with Govt. SDC's Site Allocations Plan identifies some plots around the boundaries of Upper and

Lower Quinton as potential reserve sites. These plots are identified in the Plan (see page 28).

Q. Why does the Plan allocate land off Goose Lane for extra housing?

A. Neighbourhood Plans provide the opportunity for local residents to say where they would like any reserve sites to be. Based on consultation with Quinton residents the Plan identifies this plot as the preferred and only site seen as suitable as a reserve site.

Q. Would a 'No' vote stop SDC building more housing in Quinton parish?

A. No. SDC have housing targets and if necessary will look to Quinton to help meet these targets. If the Plan is not passed in the referendum then SDC will assess housing development applications without taking account of the Plan.