



BARDSEY CUM RIGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

FORMAL CONSULTATION PHASE

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the next round of consultation on our Neighbourhood Plan.

We are delighted to confirm that in response to the extensive consultation process conducted last summer, we have now been able to complete an amended draft of our Neighbourhood Plan known as the ***Pre Submission Draft***. This is the draft which your Steering Committee believes should go forward to Leeds City Council and the Independent Inspector for final approval, before being put to the village in a referendum.

As already reported in Bardsey News, however, we are required by the Localism Act to submit the Pre Submission Draft to a final round of public consultation lasting six weeks. ***This letter is formal notification of the consultation, which will begin on 17th June 2016 and close on 29th July.***

Given the extensive consultation already undertaken, however, and the very high level of public support expressed for the draft vision, objectives and policies at the informal consultation stage last year, we have been advised that we do not need to repeat the process of distributing documentation and a formal questionnaire. We feel sure this will come as welcome news!

The latest consultation process will therefore seek open comment, and consist of two key elements:

- 1) The opportunity to comment by Email or post. The full pre submission draft is available to view:
 - a. On-line at www.bardseyvillage.org.uk. Look down the left hand side of the home page, click on 'Neighbourhood Plan', and then look for the link to the pre submission draft at the top of the Neighbourhood Plan page.
 - b. In hard copy at a number of locally strategic locations, including (but not exclusively): Bardsey Village Hall, Callister Hall, the Bingley Arms, All Hallows Church, Bardsey School, Bardsey Sports Club, and Wetherby Library. (The full list may be found on the web site as above).

All residents are encouraged to view the document, and open comments are invited by email to info@bardseyvillage.org.uk, or by post addressed to Bardsey Parish Council Steering Committee, c/o 9 Cornmill Lane, Bardsey, Leeds LS17 9EQ. Alternatively comments may be dropped off by hand at the Parish Office, Callister Hall.

- 2) A public drop-in session, to be held at Bardsey Village Hall on Saturday 16th July. Doors will open at 10:00am and close at 4:00pm, and tea and coffee will be provided. Here you will be able to view a presentation of key extracts from the Pre Submission Draft, and discuss the Neighbourhood Plan with representatives of the Steering Committee and the Parish Council before submitting comments if you wish.

All comments submitted in response to the formal consultation will be considered by the Steering Committee, and final amendments will be made to the Pre Submission Draft if appropriate, before it goes forward for inspection.

As ever, the greater the response we have from the Village the better our chances of getting the final plan approved by Residents in the referendum, which is all part of the Neighbourhood Planning process. We would like to thank you all again for your support, and look forward to your participation in this final consultation phase.

Bardsey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee