

CONSULTATION

This document began with the Woodhouse Parish Plan. A survey of all households in the Parish during the summer of 2004 asked residents what they felt contributed most to the Parish landscape - their sense of place. At the top of the list were open spaces, followed by stone walls, trees, farmland and hedges. Residents were also asked about development: what kind they felt was appropriate and the building materials they valued.

Households were also asked if they were interested in producing a design statement. From those who said yes, a steering group was formed. They met regularly from spring to autumn 2005. One of the group is a parish councillor, another is the Borough and County Councillor. The steering group organised two open meetings to gather residents' views on their village. One of these included a walkabout. A flyer was delivered to every household in the village. All residents were encouraged to submit pictures and drawings that they felt represented the character of where they live.

Surveys of features including wildlife, archaeology and history were undertaken from local documents and the Holly Hayes Resource Centre.

An exhibition of the photographs and drawings was mounted at the village garden party so that residents could vote for the images that they felt were the most significant and representative of what made their village special. The event also included paintings and drawings produced by local schoolchildren who had worked to a similar brief. These can be seen on the community website at <http://www.woodhouse-eaves.co.uk/vds/>

In addition, there has been publicity in local church and community magazines, the local *Loughborough Echo* newspaper, and in regular reports to monthly Parish Council meetings, which are open to members of the public.

A team then put the document together and invited comments from the Parish Council and all households in the village. Advice was obtained from the Leicestershire and Rutland Rural Community Council, from neighbouring villages that had already produced their design statements, and from Charnwood Borough Council. The Parish Wardens for Archaeology, Heritage and Trees were also consulted. Comments were requested from the Countryside Agency, English Heritage, English Nature and the Environment Agency.

LISTED BUILDINGS IN WOODHOUSE

Grade I Buildings of exceptional interest, representing about 2% of all listed buildings.

Grade II* Particularly important buildings of more than special interest representing about 4% of listed buildings.

Grade II Buildings of special interest, which warrant every effort being made to preserve them. Listing covers all parts of the property and its curtilage, i.e. all internal and external elements whether described or not.

Descriptive details are at www.charnwood.gov.uk/environment/woodhouse.html

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		GRADE
Beaumanor Hall	Beaumanor Park	II*
Beaumanor Hall, stables, clock tower and outhouses	Beaumanor Park	II*
Beaumanor Hall, terrace walls, urns, fountains, seats	Beaumanor Park	II*
Beaumanor Hall, bridge before stables	Beaumanor Park	II
Beaumanor Hall, fountain in stable yard	Beaumanor Park	II
Beaumanor Hall Lodge	Forest Road (west side)	II
Beaumanor Hall Lodge, gates, piers & walls	Forest Road (west side)	II
Kennels Cottage (now Beaumanor House)	Beaumanor Park	II
St Mary's Churchyard, Herrick family tomb,	Forest Road (east side)	II
St Mary in the Elms Church	Forest Road (east side)	II
St Mary's Churchyard, Heanes family headstones	Forest Road (east side)	II
St Mary's Churchyard, War Memorial in wall	Forest Road (east side)	II
Garat's Hay	Forest Road (east side)	II
Village well house	Forest Road (east side)	II
Village telephone kiosk K6	Forest Road (west side)	II
230 (Home Farm)	Forest Road (east side)	II
240	Forest Road (east side)	II
242 (Pear Tree Cottage)	Forest Road (east side)	II
244	Forest Road (east side)	II
258 (Thatched Cottage)	Forest Road (east side)	II
264	Forest Road (east side)	II
274 (Little Thatch)	Forest Road (east side)	II
280 (Golden Cottage)	Forest Road (east side)	II
209 (Almshouse)	Forest Road (west side)	II
211 (Almshouse)	Forest Road (west side)	II
213 (Almshouse)	Forest Road (west side)	II
215 (Almshouse)	Forest Road (west side)	II
227 (The Holt)	Forest Road (west side)	II
229	Forest Road (west side)	II
241	Forest Road (west side)	II
243	Forest Road (west side)	II
271 (Bishops Cottage)	Forest Road (west side)	II
273	Forest Road (west side)	II
Rushall Field Farm	Rushey Lane (south side)	II
26 & 28 (Pest Cottage)	School Lane (north side)	II
31 (Valley Cottage)	School Lane (south side)	II
41 (Brook Cottage)	School Lane (south side)	II
43 Barn	School Lane (south side)	II
45 (Lane End Cottage)	School Lane (south side)	II
Foxhills & Nursery Cottage	Vicary Lane (east side)	II

EXTRACTS FROM THE WOODHOUSE PARISH PLAN SURVEY

Most important problems in the parish environment [Tick 3]

	No.	%
Traffic	349	68.4
Litter	203	39.8
Dog mess	177	34.7
Aircraft noise	100	19.6
Other	64	12.6
Fly-tipping	48	9.4
None	42	8.2
Street lighting	28	5.5
Graffiti	27	5.3
Number of households	510	

Features contributing most to the landscape [Tick 3]

	No.	%
Open spaces around the two villages	425	83.7
Dry stone walls	271	53.4
Individual & groups of trees	250	49.2
Farmland	242	47.6
Hedgerows	184	36.2
Other	14	2.8
None	3	0.6
Number of households	508	

Most serious traffic problems [Tick 3]

	No.	%
Speed	339	69.8
Parking	233	47.9
Volume	94	19.3
Number of light/heavy goods vehicles	59	12.1
Noise	55	11.3
Congestion	42	8.6
None	48	9.9
Number of respondents	486	

New housing blending in [e.g. local stone / slate] [Tick one]

	No.	%
Very important	383	76.8
Fairly important	91	18.2
Not very important	18	3.6
Don't know	7	1.4
Number of households	499	100.0

Most liked about living here [443 free text responses]

1. Countryside, surroundings, views, scenery, setting, situation, landscape, nature, wildlife, trees, walks, bridleways (261)
2. Inhabitants, residents, people, neighbours, friendly, community, helpful, welcoming, sense of belonging, supportive, caring (174)
3. Tranquil, quiet, peace, unspoilt, peaceful, serene, relaxed, lack of stress, no hustle & bustle, no rat-race (110)
4. Convenience/access to towns, cities, motorways, airports, trains, buses, public transport (66)
5. Environment, healthy, clean, air, quality of life (40)
6. Village, small, size, no new housing estates (16)

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