Consultation on the intended content of the Neighbourhood Plan for Pool-in-Wharfedale

Dear Resident of Pool-in-Wharfedale,

How will Pool-in-Wharfedale develop in the future?

What are issues of planning that affect the character of the village, road safety and amenities?

To provide guidance for future planning applications that respect the identity and character of Pool and the agreed vision of its community the Parish Council decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Pool. Once the content has been agreed initially by the residents (you; this consultation), passed independent examination and a referendum has been held in which the community will vote on the final Plan, it will then become a legal document.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - comprising parish councillors, resident volunteers and a local ward councillor - has been working hard on the content of the Plan since 2014. Through five surveys and many consultation events with the residents of Pool you were able to feed into the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Based on this input the Steering Group has developed the **intended content** for the Neighbourhood Plan (a so-called Policy Intentions Document), which provides an initial indication of the planning policies the Parish Council would like to see in force over the next 10 years up to 2028.

You can tell us now whether or not you agree with these proposed policy intentions:

- 1. Please read the attached Pool Neighbourhood Plan Policy Intentions Document AND
- 2. fill out and return the enclosed questionnaire.

You have several **options to return the questionnaire**:

- We will collect it from you on or after 7th October **OR**
- You can fill out an online version of the questionnaire here: www.poolplan.co.uk OR
- You can drop it in at the Post Office in Pool AND/OR
- You can come to one of the three drop-in sessions, which will be held in support of the consultation (members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be on hand to provide further information and answers to questions on the Plan you might have):
 - o Pool Village Memorial Hall Saturday 23rd September, 11:30 14:00
 - o Pool Village Social Club Café Friday 6th October, 08:30 10:30
 - Old Pool Bank Village Hall Monday 9th October 18:00 19:30 (Prior to Pool PC meeting)

This is an important plan for the future of Pool-in-Wharfedale. Please find some time over the next month to read and have your say on it, so that the plan reflects the views of the community.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of Parish Council & Chair of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

You can also contact us on 07976 562107 or at media@poolplan.co.uk



POOL-IN-WHARFEDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2019-2028 POLICY INTENTIONS DOCUMENT

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BACKGROUND

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Government's Localism Act of 2011 empowered communities like Pool-in-Wharfedale to be able to shape their future through Neighbourhood Plans, which will become enshrined in the Local Council's statutory Development Plan – the Leeds Local Plan in the case of Pool. The Neighbourhood Plan will be informed by local opinions on a variety of planning matters, such as the design of new buildings, protection and improvement of green spaces, built heritage assets, community facilities and local transport. Neighbourhood Plans are essentially planning-based documents. The plan will run until 2028 in line with the time horizon of the Leeds Local Plan adopted Core Strategy.

Where are we in the preparation process?

In 2013, Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council took the decision to undertake the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. The decision was based on concerns regarding the threat of new housing development, without any associated infrastructure, and historical and ongoing concerns regarding traffic pressures. There was also a desire to take forward the content of the stalled Village Design Statement project.

In 2014, a Steering Group of parish councillors, residents and a local ward councillor was set up to oversee work on the plan, following the undertaking of a preliminary questionnaire survey. During 2015 and 2016, more detailed topic-based community surveys on business/employment, spaces, living and transport were conducted, together with a primary school project.

It is on the basis of the findings of these surveys that this current 'Policy Intentions Document' has been produced. This sets out the proposed planning policy intentions, together with a series of non-planning actions and projects, which Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council is minded to include in its final draft plan, to be published for formal consultation in the first half of 2018. This current document enables the community to take the opportunity to comment and suggest improvements which can be incorporated in the final draft plan.

What next?

Following this current consultation, a draft plan will be prepared, taking on board comments from the community and a wide range of stakeholders and consultees. It will then be published for a formal statutory six week public consultation. After further modification, the final plan will then be submitted to Leeds City Council (LCC) for further scrutiny and independent examination to ensure it complies with legal obligations. It will finally be put to a community referendum of the people of Pool-in-Wharfedale, and hopefully come into force some time in mid to late 2019.

THE VISION & OBJECTIVES FOR POOL-IN-WHARFEDALE

Vision

In 2028 Pool-in-Wharfedale will have been maintained as a distinct community, not joined to or swallowed up by its neighbours, while retaining the fundamentally rural character of the Wharfe Valley. At the same time, it will have recognised and provided for the need for people to travel to towns and cities for employment, education, leisure and shopping, as well as improving such provision within Pool itself, as required. Any new development will have been respectful of the area's cultural heritage, while causing minimal environmental damage for the future. The community will be one where all residents can live in a safer and more sustainable manner, where longstanding problems of traffic blight, safety and pollution will have been noticeably alleviated and where people's basic needs from cradle to grave will be largely catered for.

Objectives

- 1. To find a sustainable solution to Pool-in-Wharfedale's desperate traffic problem, which renders much of the Parish unsafe for pedestrians.
- 2. To make Pool-in-Wharfedale into a settlement well-served by public transport, reducing dependency on private cars.
- 3. To provide safe walkways across the community, to enable residents to access local facilities without danger from traffic.
- 4. To maintain and extend green footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways, in particular to see the Wharfedale Greenway project realised, linking Pool with other communities along the valley.
- 5. To give greater protection to Pool and Old Pool Bank's countryside hinterland.
- 6. To protect, enhance and provide new green space and to seek a site for a new burial ground to address the lack of capacity in the existing churchyard.
- 7. To preserve the character of the many 18th, 19th and 20th century buildings in this Domesday village.
- 8. To encourage affordable, energy efficient new housing, to enable children and grandchildren to remain in the community if they wish,
- 9. To ensure that any new housing is accompanied by an at least proportionate investment in infrastructure.
- 10. To achieve architectural design reflective of the particular part of the Parish in which new housing and other development is to be built, including the use of traditional materials where these have been used before.
- 11. To create a village centre by encouraging the provision of more facilities for meeting, eating and shopping.
- 12. To encourage a medical facility within the Parish, to obviate the need for travel outside the area for basic healthcare.
- 13. To encourage the provision and use of local sources of renewable energy.
- 14. To safeguard, promote and support Pool's economic and employment base.

PLANNING POLICY INTENTIONS & NON-PLANNING ACTIONS/PROJECTS

Introduction

The Neighbourhood Plan, once 'made' (i.e. adopted) will be a statutory planning document with the same status as the Leeds Local Plan. As such, planning applications will be judged by reference to it. It is therefore essential that the final plan is written in the form of legally enforceable planning policies and proposals.

The purpose of this document is to set out the policies (shown in boxes in sections A : F) together with some brief background and justification. Where policy intentions are firm, they are phrased beginning 'policy will'. Others which are currently still being researched are framed as 'policy may'. Final policies and wordings, together with full evidence and detail will be presented in the draft plan.

Neighbourhood Plans also provide an opportunity to set out a community's non-planning aspirations, actions and projects, in order to present a comprehensive and holistic blueprint for the Neighbourhood Area under one cover. These will become the basis of a Parish Council project delivery plan for future years, which is detailed further in the final 'Implementation' section.

The policy intentions and non-planning actions/projects are presented in six sections below, respectively covering:-

- A. Green Environment
- B. Built Heritage
- C. Community Facilities and Services
- D. Transport and Traffic
- E. Housing
- F. Employment

A: Green Environment

Planning Policy Intentions

Pool is located within a rich rural landscape. Its proximity and ready access to open and varied countryside, with the River Wharfe along its northern boundary, the high ground of the Chevin and Pool Bank to the south and farmland between is one of the characteristics which define it. It is also blessed with green spaces within its built-up areas. This accessible green environment is something which the community is anxious to preserve, a fact clearly expressed in consultations to date which highlight the importance of footpaths/rights of way, cycle paths, agricultural land and recreational land. It is also something which local people are keen to add to, with the need for more burial ground provision specifically identified.

The importance of Pool's green environment has been recognised by LCC with the countryside areas variously designated as Green Belt, Strategic Green Infrastructure (both in the LCC Core Strategy) and as Special Landscape Area, as a result of which its open functions, character and appearance all enjoy general protection against unsympathetic development. Some of its smaller green spaces are also protected via the saved policies of the Unitary Development Plan; protection proposed to continue via the submitted Site Allocations Plan. These policy provisions represent an excellent base on which the Neighbourhood Plan can develop more locally directed policies for the protection, improvement and extension of Pool's green environment network.

Pool Main Street is designated as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) by LCC due to its poor air quality, the result of severe traffic congestion and standing traffic, particularly during morning and evening commuting periods. Any further development in the village can only add to the traffic and its attendant pollution, as acknowledged by LCC in a recent Highways objection to proposed new housing at Church Close. The community wishes to control the impact of new development on Main Street traffic volumes and therefore air quality.

The Pool community has demonstrated its wider support for sustainable development and living, one expression of which is the clear interest, expressed by a large majority of respondents in the 2015 'Living Survey', in a local renewable energy scheme, centred on the River Wharfe near Low Mill. This type of low level micro-generation scheme, if feasible, would be generally supported by LCC planning policy (Natural Resources and Waste Plan), subject to acceptable impacts.

POLICY INTENTION GE1:

OTLEY CHEVIN AND WHARFE VALLEY SOUTHERN SLOPES SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREAS

Policy will identify the areas' particular special features and require that development has regard to them and does not seriously harm their character and appearance. It will also encourage a positive contribution to restoration or enhancement.

POLICY INTENTION GE2:

POOL-IN-WHARFEDALE'S LOCAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

Policy will require the protection and encourage the improvement and extension of an identified network of local green infrastructure links within Pool, including the Wharfedale Greenway.

POLICY INTENTION GE3:

PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF LOCAL GREEN SPACE

Policy will protect a list (to be agreed) of designated Local Green Spaces from development and change of use, while welcoming and encouraging appropriate enhancement for those sites identified as being in need.

POLICY INTENTION GE4:

PROVISION OF NEW GREEN SPACE

Policy will welcome otherwise acceptable development that delivers new green space for Pool, in particular a new burial ground and any other categories of green space meeting evidenced need.

POLICY INTENTION GE5:

DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING THE MAIN STREET AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA (AQMA)

Policy may seek to control the impacts of any new development in Pool on the volume of traffic impacting upon the Main Street AQMA.

POLICY INTENTION GE6:

RIVER WHARFE LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME

Policy may welcome the development of a local renewable energy scheme on the River Wharfe.

Non-Planning Actions/Projects

The community has also identified the following non-planning actions and projects that it wishes to pursue:-

- New Public Garden Space Project to identify land for and provide a small park for walking, sitting and meeting.
- River Wharfe Local Renewable Energy Scheme Feasibility Study to investigate the feasibility of such a scheme along the Wharfe within the Neighbourhood Area and, if feasible, the logistics and costs associated with implementation.
- A 'Sustainable Pool' Campaign/Project to promote/raise awareness of actions to encourage energy efficiency, wise use of natural resources etc within the Neighbourhood Area.

POOL-IN-WHARFEDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2019-28

POLICY INTENTIONS DOCUMENT - QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY

Please circle your answer, add comments if you wish and continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Prefer to complete this survey online? It is available for submission via www.poolplan.co.uk

VISION		
Do you agree with our vision?		
Yes	No	Don't Know
Comments:		
OBJECTIVES		
What do you think of our objectives? Pl	ease indicate any that you DON'T agree	with and tell us why
Comments:		
GREEN ENVIRONMENT		
Do you agree with Policy Intention GE1	?	
Yes	No	Don't Know
Comments:		
Do you agree with Policy Intention GE2	?	
Yes	No	Don't Know
Comments:		
Do you agree with Policy Intention GE3	?	
Yes	No	Don't Know
Comments:		

Do you agree with Policy Intention GE4?				
Yes	No	Don't Know		
Comments:				
Do you agree with Policy Intention GE5?				
Yes	No	Don't Know		
Comments:				
Do you agree with Policy Intention GE6?	•			
Yes	No	Don't Know		
Comments:				
BUILT HERITAGE				
Do you agree with Policy Intention BH13	?			
Yes	No	Don't Know		
Comments:				
Do you agree with Policy Intention BH2?	?			
Yes	No	Don't Know		
Comments:				
Do you agree with Policy Intention BH3?				
Yes				
res	No	Don't Know		

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

Do you agree with Policy Intention CFS1	.?		
Yes	No	Don't Know	
Comments:			
Do you agree with Policy Intention CFS2	?		
Yes	No	Don't Know	
Comments:			
Do you agree with Policy Intention CFS3	?		
Yes	No	Don't Know	
Comments:			
TRANSPORT & TRAFFIC			
Do you agree with Policy Intention TT1?			
Yes	No	Don't Know	
Comments:			
Do you agree with Policy Intention TT2?			
Yes	No	Don't Know	
Comments:			
Do you agree with Policy Intention TT3?			
Yes	No	Don't Know	
Comments:			
Do you agree with Policy Intention TT4?			
Yes	No	Don't Know	
Comments:			

HOUSING		
Do you agree with Policy Intention H1?		
Yes	No	Don't Know
Comments:		
Do you agree with Policy Intention H2?		
Yes	No	Don't Know
Comments:		
Do you agree with Policy Intention H3?		
Yes	No	Don't Know
Comments:		
EMPLOYMENT		
Do you agree with Policy Intention E1?		
Yes	No	Don't Know
Comments:		

NON-PLANNING ACTIONS & PROJECTS

Do you have any comments about any of the proposed Non-Planning Actions/Projects?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONTRIBUTIONS – THEY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED $PLEASE COMPLETE \ QUESTIONNAIRES \ FOR \ COLLECTION \ BY \ 7^{TH} \ OCTOBER \ 2017$ OR IF NOT COLLECTED BY 13^{TH} OCTOBER RETURN TO THE POST OFFICE ASAP THEREAFTER

B: Built Heritage

Planning Policy Intentions

Pool-in-Wharfedale has a rich historic built legacy which the community is anxious to preserve. The history of Pool has been well researched by a local historian and published both in books and online. An extensive collection of artefacts has been assembled by the Parish archivist, together with the History of Pool Group, and is now in the care of the Parish Council.

A significant part of the built-up area of Pool, together with surrounding green areas and woodland, already enjoy conservation area status via the designation of the Pool-in-Wharfedale Conservation Area in September 2009. This affords it statutory protection against adverse development. LCC's non-statutory Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan (CAAMP) contains a number of detailed guidelines to steer new development within the conservation area. The Neighbourhood Plan will enshrine these in policy in order to strengthen safeguards.

The conservation area designation however currently excludes areas such as the former mills along the Wharfe, which, it is felt by the community, may also be worthy of the same protection. Conservation area extensions to cover these areas will be pursued as appropriate by the Parish Council under the Neighbourhood Plan umbrella, but in the meantime the plan will look to put in place 'Local Heritage Area' policies to provide at least interim protection for such areas.

Pool is also rich in terms of its individual heritage buildings and structures, many of which (11 - e.g. Pool Bridge, The Bar House and The Church of St Wilfrid) have been 'listed' by Historic England and are as such already protected. Other 'character' buildings however, such as Low and High Mills, remain relatively unprotected against unsympathetic development. The Neighbourhood Plan will introduce policy in order to protect what makes them important and to encourage appropriate enhancement.

POLICY INTENTION BH1:

POOL-IN-WHARFEDALE CONSERVATION AREA - DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Policy will set out the distinctive features of the conservation area which development within or adjacent must positively respond to or should retain, respect or enhance, including key views.

POLICY INTENTION BH2:

LOCAL HERITAGE AREAS

Policy will designate and define Local Heritage Areas (number/extent to be agreed), covering areas considered suitable as proposed conservation area extensions, and set out the distinctive features of the areas which development within or adjacent should positively respond to, or retain, respect or enhance, including any key views.

POLICY INTENTION BH3:

POTENTIAL NON-STATUTORY HERITAGE ASSETS

Policy will identify a list (to be agreed) of Potential Non-Statutory Heritage Assets, the plan's assessments of which will be taken into account when considering development impacts, with a view to avoiding or minimising conflict. Sympathetic enhancement will also be encouraged.

Non-Planning Actions/Projects

The community has also identified the following non-planning action that it wishes to pursue:-

• The designation of further parts of Pool as part of the conservation area or as separate satellite conservation areas, via lobbying of/liaison with LCC.

C: Community Facilities & Services

Planning Policy Intentions

The people of Pool want to live in a community with a healthy generation mix, where community facilities allow for a sustainable, healthy and connected life. Community facilities are seen as vital to the needs of a growing and aging population. In the initial 'Living Survey' of 2015/16, respondents identified a combined health services centre, educational facilities, sociable meeting places and a library as the most wanted additional facilities for the area. The Neighbourhood Plan will put in place policies both to protect existing facilities and to welcome the provision of new, both approaches in line with current LCC planning policy.

A specific desire for new retail, shop and restaurant type facilities has also been identified, with some interest apparently shown in the Pool Business Park site as a possible location. While this could be delivered through future new development in the village and would provide more local job opportunities, as well as enhancing local services, there are also concerns about access and parking and about the potential problems that could be caused by any associated takeaway facility.

POLICY INTENTION CFS1:

PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Policy will resist the loss of specified community facilities to be listed in the plan (NB list to be agreed) and encourage their enhancement.

POLICY INTENTION CFS2:

PROVISION OF NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Policy will welcome and encourage otherwise acceptable development which provides for the provision of new community facilities and services.

POLICY INTENTION CFS3:

NEW RETAIL AND SERVICE PROVISION

Policy may support the provision of new retail and service facilities, subject to development requirements regarding access and car parking.

Non-Planning Actions/Projects

The community has also identified the following non-planning actions and projects that it wishes to pursue:-

- The establishment of a Parish Council Office.
- The identification and registration, with LCC, of Assets of Community Value (*list to be agreed*).
- The production of a Pool Village Hall Development Plan.
- The production of an Upper Pool Village Hall Development Plan.

D: Transport & Traffic

Planning Policy Intentions

Transport and traffic related issues are perhaps the number one concern within Pool-in-Wharfedale. Modern day movement and modes of transport have had to develop within the constraints of narrow, enclosed village streets and heritage restrictions. Pool has struggled to adapt and the time has now come to find better ways to cope and to utilise any new development in order to enhance the existing poor situation.

The Pool community's starting point is a multi-modal transportation model that puts walking at the top of the hierarchy and motor vehicles at the bottom. In the 2015 'Spaces Survey', some 94% of the 120 respondents said walkways/footpaths and rights of way were important to them. This was backed up in the 2016 'Transport Survey' with issues such as 'pavement width' and 'safe street crossing' identified as priorities. In the same surveys, cycle paths and the proposed Wharfedale Greenway (see 'Green Environment' above), were seen as important by over 84% of respondents, with the Greenway and safe vehicle-free paths identified as a transport priority. This plan will put forward a policy to secure improvements to walking and cycling provision in Pool.

In the aforementioned 'Transport Survey', 71% of respondents described public transport in Pool as no better than 'ok', with some 53% identifying a reinstated direct bus service to Leeds as 'extremely/ very important'. Some 43% said they consider a (re-opened) train station at Arthington (nb outside the plan area) 'extremely/ very important'. While planning has only a limited remit in relation to public transport improvements, the Neighbourhood Plan will include policies designed to influence and support better provision.

In the 2015 'Spaces Survey', some 76% of respondents stated that 'parking for village amenities' was important to them, while over 60% said they wanted more parking facilities in the village. Plan policy will support appropriate development which brings this about.

POLICY INTENTION TT1:

IMPROVED CYCLING AND WALKING PROVISION

Policy will identify a Pool footpath and cycleway network, including Wharfedale Greenway and links to it, and expect development to be compatible with and to contribute to it.

POLICY INTENTION TT2:

IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Policy will expect development to contribute to improvements to routes, network integration and infrastructure.

POLICY INTENTION TT3:

RAIL LINK REINSTATEMENT

Policy will resist development which would prejudice the reinstatement of a rail link east to Arthington and west to Otley along the line of the former railway.

POLICY INTENTION TT4:

NEW VILLAGE CAR PARKING

Policy will support otherwise acceptable development which would provide new, off-road, public village car parking.

Non-Planning Actions/Projects

The community has also identified the following non-planning actions and projects that it wishes to pursue:-

- Improvements to footpaths/Public Rights of Way.
- Creation of new footpaths eg along Old Pool Bank; from Pool to the Local Pantry/Hunters Inn; from Main Street to Mill Lane via Pool Riverside Park.
- Measures to support cycling eg Wharfedale Greenway access routes; other new cycle routes; cycle parking racks.
- Establishment of a dedicated school bus pick-up point at Pool Village Hall car park to address safety concerns re the currently used Arthington Lane bus stop.
- Establishment of an electric vehicle charging point at the Shell Petrol Station.
- Reduction of traffic congestion.
- Reduction of heavy goods traffic through Pool.
- Reduction of speeding through Pool including signage, 'gateway slowing schemes',
 20mph zone.
- Development of measures to protect and insulate Pool from the effects of future expansion at Leeds Bradford Airport.

E: Housing

Planning Policy Intentions

Pool-in-Wharfedale is identified as a 'smaller settlement' in LCC's settlement hierarchy (ref LCC Core Strategy). As such, it could expect to receive housing allocations in order to help meet the housing target for Outer North West Leeds. The submitted LCC Site Allocations Plan however includes no housing allocations for Pool. What it does include is 23.1 ha of 'safeguarded land' at Old Pool Bank (land at) capable of accommodating some 540 homes after 2028. This Neighbourhood Plan cannot vary from this policy, if confirmed, can set out development requirements to guide any such housing development on this land.

The absence of housing allocations cannot of course preclude developer applications on other sites within Pool (eg Chapel Hill Road). In the first instance, the response to such applications is governed by Core Strategy policy which states that infrastructure capacity (transport, education, health), accessibility standards, intrinsic amenity, recreation or nature conservation value and visual/historic /spatial character are all key factors in determining acceptability. This plan will include a more detailed policy to address these issues from a local Pool perspective.

The local community has made it clear (ref 2015/16 'Living Survey') that any new housing should reflect the needs of the community with smaller house types preferred (including starter homes) and an emphasis on the needs of the elderly, ie flats, supported living provision and bungalows. Neighbourhood Plan policy will reflect this view.

POLICY INTENTION H1:

SAFEGUARDED LAND AT OLD POOL BANK – DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND ASPIRATIONS

Policy will set out development requirements and aspirations in order to guide the development of new housing.

POLICY INTENTION H2:

HOUSING ON NON-ALLOCATED SITES

Policy will expect new housing on such sites to meet criteria in respect of the green and built environment; local road safety and traffic congestion; ease of access to the road network, avoiding the village centre wherever feasible; ease of access re footpath/cycle routes, bus stops and local facilities; off-street parking.

POLICY INTENTION H3:

HOUSING MIX

Policy will support housing sizes and types which meet the needs of the local community.

F: Employment

Planning Policy Intentions

Four distinct employment locations have been identified within Pool, namely 'large' (eg Weidmanns), business parks (Pool Business Park), retail outlets and home-based.

There is a desire to maintain Pool's current level of employment provision and to encourage a sustainable business community where local businesses support and promote each other and continue to offer the potential of local jobs for local people.

POLICY INTENTION E1:

PROTECTION OF EXISTING EMPLOYMENT SITES

Policy will safeguard the use of specified existing employment sites to be listed in the plan (*NB list to be agreed*) for business (including office), general industrial, storage and distribution uses.

Non-Planning Actions/Projects

The community has identified the following non-planning actions and projects that it wishes to pursue:-

- The creation of a 'Pool Working Hub' for small businesses offering serviced office space, hot-desk facilities, business advice; possibly based in Pool Village Hall.
- The development of a 'Pool Loop' business network potentially run from the 'Pool Working Hub'.
- The promotion/publicising of local job opportunities.
- The promotion of Pool as a sustainable small business location.

IMPLEMENTATION

Strategic Delivery

The Pool Neighbourhood Plan will be delivered and implemented over the plan period 2019-2028. It seeks to provide the focus for change within Pool, but is not a rigid 'blue-print', rather a framework for change. The plan will be subject to annual monitoring by the Parish Council and to periodic review, again by the Council, certainly at the end of the plan period, but earlier if circumstances require.

The core planning policies of the Plan, once properly formulated and adopted, will be delivered through their application by the planning officers and members of LCC, as the determining body for those applications (or by the Secretary of State in the case of Appeals) and by the actions of developers, in accordance with planning permissions granted by LCC and associated planning conditions. Section 106 Agreements should work to mitigate site development impacts in line with Plan policies where required.

In addition, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), collected by LCC as a 'tax' on development, should help to pay for any infrastructure needed as a result of growth within Pool Parish, including any school expansion/improvement, greenspace, flood defences and transport improvements. CIL is a relatively new levy on development introduced by Government in 2008 and implemented in Leeds by the City Council in late 2014.

Local Delivery

Alongside LCC's role in relation to CIL, the Parish Council is also a potential beneficiary of the levy (n.b. eligible development dependent), currently entitled to receive 15% of all CIL income on eligible developments within the parish to spend on local projects related to new development, rising to 25% once the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted.

Project Delivery Plan

This Policy Intentions Document already identifies a significant number and wide range of themed non-planning actions/projects identified and supported by the local community. There is scope to add to this list during the course of the Neighbourhood Plan preparation process.

These actions and projects will be delivered in a variety of pro-active ways, by a range of potential agencies and organisations, including LCC, the National Lottery, local voluntary groups and of course the Parish Council itself, either through CIL income (as referenced above) or through its own resources.

The final Neighbourhood Plan will pull together all identified community actions/projects into a 'Project Delivery Plan' listing them in terms of priority, theme, title, brief description, potential funding source, responsible body and potential partners. This will be subject to ongoing monitoring, annual review and roll forward.