

## Stafford Borough Development Plan

Stafford Borough has now published its draft development plan for the next 20 years. This involves building around 2200 new houses between Doxey and the Castle.

Further details of the Plan can be found at

<http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/ldf>.

Information about discussions that have taken place can be found on the DCA website

[www.doxeyca.org.uk](http://www.doxeyca.org.uk)).

## Play Space for Doxey's view

1. PS4D will not be taking a position on the desirability or otherwise of the housing plans but will be making submissions to the Borough in the following play related areas:
2. The Plan should provide additional recreational facilities which can be used by the present residents of Doxey as well as by the future residents of the area
3. That there should be **safe** foot and cycle paths to provide access from existing residential areas. This should eventually provide a proper cycle route from Doxey to the centre of Stafford.
4. It would be desirable if the Greenway was a 'spine' around which the major new recreation areas were provided. This would link the Rugby pitches, the Castlefields open space, the Castle View recreation area and the existing Football Pitch area with the more rural open spaces of Duddas Wood and the Millennium Green in Derrington. New playing fields and open space would then be part of a 2 mile 'green lung' accessible not only to the new housing but to other Stafford residents.

5. New open areas used by children should be easily visible from housing and well used paths, this will reduce the dangers of vandalism and bullying.

## Doxey Parish Council's View

The Parish council are concerned that the infrastructure for such an ambitious plan should be in place and that facilities will be sufficient for the residents of the 3000 plus homes that will exist in the area. To this end they will be asking for:

1. Vehicle access is required through the proposed development linking Doxey's main road with the Newport Road, thus ensuring that all vehicles, emergency and otherwise, can gain access to this Parish and its residents well into the future.
2. A Village Parish Hall centrally will be a necessity once the new houses are built. This could then provide a secure facility from which to run keep fit classes, mum and toddler groups, and youth clubs. And be a place for Residents of the new, expanded Parish of Doxey to voice their concerns and coordinate local initiatives, making Doxey Parish both a vibrant and thriving community.
3. Preservation of our green spaces, football pitch and residents' rights of way towards the Greenway for both recreation, and as a means of accessing secondary education and Stafford Castle via the footpath.
4. Assurances that sewerage and drainage will be improved in a way that will not detrimentally affect the green spaces.
5. Amenities such as GP's surgery, chemists, dentist and an additional primary school.

To make a personal comment to the Borough Council you will need to act quickly as all comments have to reach the Borough **by 21<sup>st</sup> October**.

Online

<http://staffordbc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/>

Email

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Write

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## Dates for your Diary

### Luncheon Club

St. Thomas & St. Andrew's Church hall  
1st Tuesday of the month  
12:30 to 2:00 pm.  
All Welcome, small charge

### Coffee Morning

The Sutton Centre  
Every Monday  
10 am to 11 am. All welcome.

### Parish Council Meetings

The Sutton Centre  
Second Thursday of the month  
At 7pm

### Sutton Centre

The Sutton Centre will be closed for  
decorating from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### Craft Group

St. Thomas & St. Andrew's Church hall  
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month  
7.30-9.30 p.m.  
There is a cost of £2 (to cover room hire).  
For more information call:  
Denise on 0792 356 4094

### Doxey Community Association

The Sutton Centre  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
7:30 pm  
Please along come with ideas of activities  
and events you would like to see in Doxey.

## Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner December 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm for a 5pm start

As promised last month it is time to book for this free event. To qualify you need to be 60 or over and live in Doxey, it is as simple as that. If you qualify then please complete the form and deliver it to;

The Welcome Desk at St. Thomas and St. Andrew's Church  
Or  
103 Doxey, ST16 1EG



I/we would like to come to the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4:30 pm.

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like a lift to the venue  (please tick)

I/we would like a lift home from the venue

Any special dietary requirements e.g. diabetic please state here or ring 604233 to discuss