

Crosthwaite and Lyth Neighbourhood Development Plan 2025 – 2035

Summary



Background

Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council are preparing a neighbourhood development plan (or NDP) to help guide decisions on planning applications in the Parish. Work started on the NDP back in 2018 when the parish boundary was designated by the Lake District National Park as a neighbourhood plan area, and this was followed by an informal consultation on a Community Vision in 2019. A Parish Housing Needs Survey was commissioned in 2020 to better understand local housing needs and Crosthwaite and Lyth Neighbourhood Plan Design Code was prepared in 2021 to provide locally specific design guidance. These documents form part of the evidence base for our plan.

Public Consultation on Draft Crosthwaite and Lyth NDP

The Draft Plan is now published for informal public consultation. It contains a draft Vision and Objectives and 7 draft planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications alongside the adopted Lake District Local Plan 2020 – 2035. We need local people and stakeholders to give their views before we finalise the draft plan for formal consultation later this year. Please come along to our **Drop-in event** in the Argles Memorial Hall, Crosthwaite between 6.00p.m. and 9.00p.m. on **Monday 31 March** to find out more or visit our neighbourhood plan page of the Parish Council website https://www.crosthwaiteandlythpc.co.uk/?Neighbourhood_Plan.

Hard copies of the Draft Plan are available to borrow from Martin Curry Clerk to the Parish Council who may be contacted by phone: 07388 920410 or Email: crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk).

A few copies have also been provided in The Argles Memorial Hall, Crosthwaite Church of England Primary School, the Punchbowl and St Mary's Church.

You can comment on the Draft Plan in a number of ways and there is a Response Form to enable you to do this. Check out the Parish Council website where you will find full details of how to comment (https://www.crosthwaiteandlythpc.co.uk/?Neighbourhood_Plan).

comments and responses to the Draft Plan will be considered by the Working Group and will inform possible changes to the Plan before it is submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority.

This is a Summary of the Draft Plan. You are encouraged to read the full Crosthwaite and Lyth NDP and Design Code, if possible, when you respond with your views. Thankyou.

Draft Vision

In 2035 Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish will:

- Be a vibrant community with its rural traditions, way of life and character intact.
- Have a permanent resident population of at least 80%, including people of all ages, with active encouragement for younger people to remain and settle here.
- Have improved access to local services including water and public transport and be working towards safer roads to encourage use by walkers and cyclists.
- Protect, maintain and support our local pubs, school, hall, recreation services, church, playgroup, flower show and annual village show, damson society, young farmers, Landowners Trust and all other Parish clubs and societies. We recognise that these are the pillars of our Crosthwaite and Lyth society, and they underpin a diverse and engaged community of local people.
- Preserve the cultural heritage, tranquility, natural beauty, spectacular views and various special habitats in the Parish.

Draft Objectives

Objective 1: To support the provision of small-scale schemes of suitable, energy efficient housing which is affordable to buy, rent and live in and which meets the needs of local residents now and in the future.

Objective 2: To promote high-quality and sustainable design which responds to local character and protects built heritage and the natural environment.

Objective 3: To support investment in existing and new community facilities and infrastructure to enhance the social, physical and economic wellbeing of all.

Objective 4: To support suitable investment in the local economy so that residents have access to a range of employment opportunities.

Draft Planning Policies

Policy CL1: Housing Development – supports housing focussed on Crosthwaite village. Bowland Bridge is a Cluster Community and The Howe and Row are Small Rural Settlements. Development will have to consider infrastructure and flexibility.

Policy CL2: Meeting Local Housing Needs – identifies needs for house types and sizes.

Policy CL3: Local Character – requires development to address the design principles set out in the Crosthwaite and Lyth Neighbourhood Plan Design Code.

Policy CL4: Safeguarded Land for Future Community and Recreational Use – safeguards land at the school and recreation field for future use if required.

Policy CL5: Local Green Spaces – identifies 11 Local Green Spaces which are important to the community.

Policy CL6: Agricultural Development – sets out criteria for agricultural development on existing farms and small holdings.

Policy CL7: Junction improvements at Gilpin – supports improvements to the junction at Gilpin.

There are also a number of community aspirations / actions to complement the policies.