

A VISION FOR ELVINGTON



CURRENT ASPECTS OF THE VILLAGE

- Elvington is a rural village of character, with a number of buildings dating back to at least 18th century and a historic conservation area. Its charm must be preserved (c. 500 houses, population approx. 1200 at 2011 census).
- Elvington is situated within the nationally important Tilmire Green Corridor and is surrounded by greenbelt. Development must protect and respect the local area.
- Open farmland & woodland views in and out of the village are significant to the overall character of the village & should be taken into account in the design of any new development.



- Gardens & open spaces between buildings contribute to the rural charm of the village and should be retained wherever possible. Any subdivision of these spaces should not spoil the character & visual amenities of the village.



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- Elvington is bounded by the River Derwent to the East where there is an historic 16th century stone bridge.
- The Yorkshire Air Museum and Elvington Airfield occupy the western boundary of the parish.
- The Air Museum is the largest independent air museum in Britain & the location of the Allied Air Forces Memorial. Its rural location must be preserved to protect the character of the former airbase and to keep it separate from development in either Elvington or Whinthorpe.



- There are about 120 businesses on the 3 existing industrial estates. These are currently reasonably well hidden and are limited to light industry use only (B1 & B8).
- Any additional industrial development should also be proportionate, sustainable & not cause an increase in the number of HGVs going through the village



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CURRENT AMENITIES IN THE VILLAGE

- Village School – approx. 140 pupils
- Village Shop
- Village Pub
- Village Hairdresser
- Sports & Social Club with playing field, two tennis courts & small playground
- Doctors Surgery
- Bus Service to York (infrequent)
- Church



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SOME 'KEEP ELVINGTON RURAL!' SUGGESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS (Design Principles, etc)

- We are happy to accept proportionate, sustainable development, providing it enhances the character of our village. We do not want urban sprawl, which could undermine the village feel.
- Any development should enable:
 - our young people to afford starter homes without having to move away;
 - our growing families to be able to buy bigger homes with bigger gardens without having to move out of the village;
 - our older residents to be able to access suitable bungalows or sheltered accommodation without having to move away from family, friends & neighbours
- Any development should be in a range of building sizes & styles, harmonious to the character of the village. They should consist of small developments of 10-20 houses (e.g. Lorraine Avenue)
- Any new housing should be environmentally friendly eco-houses and the family homes should have gardens big enough for growing families to play in, grow vegetables in etc. They should be future-proof & confirm to current CYC sustainability policy.
- All development must consider the impact of increased traffic through the village, particularly through the designated Conservation Area. (e.g. new developments should have off-road parking facilities where possible)



- The retention of existing & the creation of new open spaces are essential. The range & location of open spaces together with their features are crucial to the character of the village.
- The preservation of privacy & personal space is important. Any new development in Elvington should not be harmful to privacy.



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- New development should respect and complement the scale, density & height of neighbouring buildings. They should avoid large areas of unbroken walling & roof elevations.
- Roof heights & pitches should be sympathetic to existing properties, with a variety of roof heights & the use of traditional roof tiles or slates; chimney stacks would add visual interest to the roof-scape.
- New buildings (both residential & industrial) should be designed in such a way as to prevent crime in what is currently a very low-crime area. Buildings should meet the Police's "Secured Design" security requirements.

SOME 'KEEP ELVINGTON RURAL!' SUGGESTIONS RE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT LOCATIONS

- Elvington is a linear village, with a gap in the middle to the west of the school. It would therefore seem logical that the best option for residential development would be to make a connective link between the two halves of the village.
- The Dauby Lane site which was proposed in the 2014 draft York Local Plan, could be developed, but with a much lower housing density than was proposed.
- However, a more balanced alternative could be to develop part of that field between the Medical Centre and the school **(A)**, where it borders the main road (the B1228), behind the existing tree line but only to depth of perhaps 50m-60m from the road.



- It could be developed as a series of small closes or cul-de-sacs. Entrance to the site could be from the main road (B1228), using the existing access about 50 yards from the Medical Centre.
- Opposite the above site (on the other side of the B1228) the field in front of the Yorkshire Water works **(B)** could then be developed with a single row of executive houses, well-spaced out and set well back from the road with trees and grass verges, with a communal entrance leading to a private road (similar to the existing row of houses opposite the school).



(See Map with locations – A & B)

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FUTURE AMENITIES REQUIRED?

- Residential expansion will affect our amenities such as the school, medical practice, shop, sports club, so should not be too high for them to support & adapt to.
- Do we want additional amenities, e.g. more shops, take-away, tea-shop, or could that affect the rural village character?
- Additional housing could cause additional traffic so public transport & cycle access need to improve
- Well defined cycle routes from the Village up to Gypsy Wood Farm/Grimston Wood (from where there is a cycle path to Heslington & Fulford); or through Airfield Industrial Estate towards Heslington.
- Restrict HGV's through village by only allowing HGV's leaving the estates to turn out towards the A64/A1079 roundabout



Keep Elvington Rural!

Elvington Action Group

