

Staveley Area Planning Summary

Overview

Working with the community of Staveley, the Council has taken a whole village approach to Area Planning. It has provided the opportunity to examine and review the current services provided by the council in order to design services which will sustainably support the community into the future.

The objectives of the Council were clearly defined from the outset as:

- i) Enable a sustainable and vibrant community offer in Staveley which will meet the current and future housing, care and safety needs of individuals and families
- ii) Simultaneously deliver a number of service re-designs to ensure they are aligned and observing consistent messages

These translated into the following aims:

- Review the Fire Service within the village & wider area, trialling RRVs
- Review Care Services within the village and wider area
- Support greater independent living
- Explore creating homes for life, ECH and/or affordable housing
- Ensure the streetscape and highways elements support the village to function effectively and further develop its unique commercial offer
- Improve accessibility into the village via rail

As part of this work, the Council has committed to working with the local community to better understand the range of assets within the area and the future aspirations for the village. The Parish Plan is presently being updated and provides opportunity for the council to engage fully to inform future direction and maximise resources.

Of course, this has been and will continue to be an iterative process as opportunities present themselves and start to shape the future direction. Conversations with the community will be ongoing and a collaborative approach is sought. The elected Member for the area has played a strong role and has been integral to this approach, remaining front and centre to all conversations with the community and the emerging developments.

Date	Activity
August 2018	<p>Initiation Meeting: Called by Cllrs Ian Stewart, Peter Thornton and Stan Collins with Karen Johnson and Allan Harty</p> <p>Members clearly shared their aspirations for the area and the vision to support independent living through the potential to create 'homes for life', affordable housing and/or ECH. Highways improvements and better accessibility by rail were also agreed.</p>

September 2018	Area Planning Programme to co-ordinate local service redesign within Fire, Cumbria Care, Social Care, ECH development and Highways. All ADs approached and supportive
November 2018	<p>Soft market testing undertaken by South Lakes Housing for ECH on the Care Home and/or Fire Stn sites. Outline drawings commissioned by South Lakes Housing</p> <p>The cricket ground land was subject to flooding and therefore had been discounted by the developer as being unviable for housing at that time.</p>
29 th January 2019	Information to Local Committee for South Lakeland that Area Planning commencing in Staveley and that it will include ‘...reviewing existing provision, including residential care and fire service activities’.
8 th May 2019	Update provided to the Local Committee’s Strategic Planning Working Group on progress to date
4 th June 2019	Local Committee Meeting – summary update included within working group minutes
4 th June 2019	<p>Community Engagement: Drop-in session to talk about future service provision in Staveley and learn more about the aspirations of the community. Current usage and future trajectory of care needs in and around Staveley shared.</p> <p>24 people attended</p>
June 2019	<p>Meeting with Parish Council Chair, Cllr Stan Collins, Karen Johnson and Gill Holmes to discuss the Parish Council’s vision for the village and their ongoing development of their Parish Plan.</p> <p>Very positive - discussed in some detail the options around extra care housing, including the benefits and challenges they bring. There was concern that the local occupancy clause may not be enough for the village, with a recognition that developers would want to keep it as broad as possible.</p> <p>The current 2013 Parish Plan is presently undergoing a refresh. Consultants from University of Cumbria are working with the community to develop the plan but it is not yet in place to share.</p>

June 2019	Start of 6 -12 month Fire Service RRV Trial
July 2019	Officer meeting with Network Rail on site at Staveley Train Station to highlight issues, discuss options and agree funding approach
September 2019	Preparation for community engagement: gathering and displaying current and future trajectories re. care service requirements; current service across the area etc. Reviewing feedback from June engagement to inform options for future.
8 th October 2019	Community Engagement: Consultation on the proposed closure of the Care Home and gathering of views on the 3 potential options for the future, which had emerged from the first engagement event 97 people attended
October 2019	Community Engagement: Traffic Team present proposals for traffic and parking changes in the centre of Staveley
11 th October 2019	Application submitted to Access for All Fund by Community Rail Cumbria (£930K) 'To consider the feasible options and provide an alternative accessible route to Staveley Station Platform enabling rail to become a viable travel options for residents and visitors who cannot access the station currently due to the existing challenging 41 steep steps.'
1 st November 2019	Attendance at Parish meeting to receive interim results of University of Cumbria's engagement which will inform the new Parish Plan (Cllr Stan Collins, Cllr Patricia Bell, Karen Johnson and Gill Holmes)
14 th November 2019	Cabinet decision re. Abbey Care Home