



**You are invited to help create the
Staploe Parish Green Infrastructure Plan
on Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82654918431?pwd=ZWIZUHVYSFIJM0dSUG9Yby9TN1NwUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 5491 8431

Passcode: 725360

- To book your place, please contact: Lucy Crawford at clerk@staploe-pc.gov.uk / 07779 237 947
- Please read the explanatory notes before 26th January. The link is: <https://bedsrcc.org.uk/staploe-gi-plan/>



We live in a great community surrounded by valuable countryside. We also live in an area which is changing with increased pressure from potential development.



You now have an opportunity to have your say in how your local environment can be protected and enhanced by helping to create the Staploe Green Infrastructure Plan.



You are invited to an **online consultation launch event** which will help shape and prioritise actions for future maintenance and improvement of the public access, biodiversity, heritage and landscape assets of Staploe Parish. The Green Infrastructure Plan will help inform the emerging Staploe Parish Neighbourhood Plan.



This online workshop is being led by
BRCC in conjunction with the
Staploe Neighbourhood Plan Group
and Staploe Parish Council



What is a Green Infrastructure Plan?

Green Infrastructure (GI) Plans identify community aspirations for enhancing the public access, wildlife, heritage and landscape of their parish. Successful GI Plans lead to improvements being made to the local area which result in greater provision for recreation, health, fitness and mental wellbeing.

GI Plans can be used as standalone documents to inspire change, inform comments on local planning applications and give evidence for funding applications. However, GI Plans have even greater value when they are part of a Neighbourhood Plan. The emerging Staploe Parish Neighbourhood Plan, when completed and adopted, will sit alongside Bedford Borough Council's Local Plan and be used in assessing and determining local planning issues.

The GI Plan will be used to inform policies within the Staploe Parish Neighbourhood Plan, including the protection of important Local Green Spaces which meet certain designation criteria.

Working with Staploe Parish Neighbourhood Plan Group and the Parish Council, BRCC is assisting in the production of a GI Plan. The initial online consultation launch event will be followed by an evening workshop, to which the whole community will be invited, to seek your views. This session will be hosted by BRCC and the Staploe Parish Neighbourhood Plan group, who will invite you to look at and comment on the aspirations identified through the online consultation, and will be held at **Wyboston Village Hall at 7.30pm - 9.30pm on Thursday 9th March.**

All parishioners are invited to complete the questionnaire at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/staploe> which will go live after the online consultation launch event on 26th January, and stay open until 13th February. Hard copies will be available in the Hamlets Exchange (the red phone box in Staploe).

For more information, please contact: Mike Fayers (BRCC), on 01234 832619, mikef@bedsrcc.org.uk

For more information about Staploe's Neighbourhood Plan please contact: Lucy Crawford clerk@staploe-pc.gov.uk Tel. 01480 471 526 / 07779 237 947