

LAUGHTON COMMON NEW TARA FIVE-YEAR BUSINESS PLAN

1. Introduction

This is the newly formed TARA's initial five year Business Plan and has been drawn up following extensive input from and consultation with the village's community.

The TARA has established links with Rother Fed and Rotherham 2010.

It is hoped that Thurcroft Parish Council will fully support our organisation as we see it as essential that we work closely together for the betterment of Laughton Common.

The Plan builds on a range of information about the needs of the area that have been discussed and promoted in the past, and is also informed by the ongoing assessment of local needs and priorities.

2. The TARA's Vision

To help make Laughton Common develop as a community where people of all ages are treated with respect and take pride in their unique community.

3. Key Themes

3.1 Improving the environment

It is recognised that improving the standards of housing and green space can make a significant contribution to the local environment.

3.2 Children & Young People

There is a need to build on initiatives to ensure that the views of children, young people and parents are acted on, as well as listened to. We need to ensure the maximum benefit to local children, young people and their families of Rotherham-wide initiatives around the delivery of children's services.

3.3 Improving Community Safety

Most residents meetings and general contact with villagers have been dominated by finding ways to address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Residents, the police, the safer neighbourhoods team are working to tackle this issue. It is hoped that with their continuing support, that of the Parish Council and RMBC, and the further development of the village, that community safety will continue to improve.

3.4 Supporting all of the Community

Consultation with residents of all ages and in an equitable way to address the needs of the whole community. Currently notice of meetings is often by word of mouth, through notices in village shops or leaflet drops at short notice.

4. Village Profile

The village currently comprises some 1,200 homes and is continuing to grow rapidly. Persimmon Homes and Strata are building a range of houses and flats, with potential for more land becoming available to developers in the future.

It is heartening to note that with this recent development and the influx of 'new households' there remains a strong local community that should equally benefit from the village's growth.

5. Review of Business Plan

The Business Plan will be reviewed for each new financial year at a full TARA meeting, to be called by the chairperson.

ENVIRONMENT						
Local Priority	Target	Timescales	Cost	Funded by	Risk	Mitigation
Nature Trail	Improve environment	2-3 years	TBA	Grants	Funding	Donations Government Grant Aid
					Vandalism Planning	Get young people involved in projects
Flower Beds	Improve environment	1 year	TBA	RMBC grants	As above	Donations
Trees	Improve environment	1 year	TBA	Parish Council	As above	RMBC Government
Seating	Improve environment	1 year	TBA	Parish Council	As above	RMBC
Litter Bins	Improve environment	3 months	TBA	Parish Council	As above	Government
Regular Litter Picks	Improve environment	Immediately	Zero	N/A	Viewed as pointless	Take ownership

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE						
Local Priority	Target	Timescales	Cost	Funded by	Risk	Mitigation
Recreation Ground	Redevelop and replace equipt.	1-2 years	£50,000	Play Pathfinder Grant	Funding Planning	Government Grant available
					Vandalism	
Youth Shelter	New provision	6 months	£8,000	'Quids In' Grants	Location Planning	Youth TARA input
Form Youth TARA	ACIS on board	N/A	N/A		No interest from young people	ACIS experience
	Hold regular meetings	N/A	N/A		As above	As above
Work closely with young people	Summer activities?	N/A	N/A	Youth grants and fund raising	As above	Grants

COMMUNITY SAFETY						
Local Priority	Target	Timescales	Cost	Funded by	Risk	Mitigation
Zebra Crossing	Main road improvements	1 year	£800	RMBC	No funds or rejection Planning	RMBC Parish Council
Speed Signs	Main road improvements	1 year	N/A	RMBC	As above	As above
Reduce vandalism	Pride in village	N/A	Cost of not doing!	N/A	None	N/A
Secure building sites	Health and safety issues	N/A	N/A	Builders	Vandalism	N/A
Work closely with police	Improve village	N/A	N/A	N/A	Inadequate response from police	Police RMBC Parish Council Neighbourhood Watch

SUPPORTING ALL COMMUNITY						
Local Priority	Target	Timescales	Cost	Funded by	Risk	Mitigation
Village Hall	Meeting Place Space for events	2-3 years	N/A	Grants	Capital and revenue funding Planning	Parish Council
Quarterly newsletter	Better informed residents	3 months	N/A		Costs Rotherfed - Free	Support from ACIS, RMBC and Parish Council/ join Rotherfed Newsletter