

'Walkabout' in Taverham

Members of the Taverham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Attending:-

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Brief Character Assessment of Potential Area of Development in Taverham: from Hinks Meadow to the Breck Farm area

### **Headlines of Amenities: Hinks Meadow situated in Kingswood Avenue**

- Community Centre for all ages
- Play area for young children
- Green area on three sides for games, eg Football
- Large Car Park
- Easy access from the A1067 to and from the Hinks Meadow amenities currently: in view of additional housing development, however, this may be of some concern when large housing development completed.
- Kingswood Avenue itself has a leafy suburban ambience but once side roads/cul de sacs are accessed this gives a different aspect: houses are closer together with little car parking spaces for each house. This results in cars being parked on the edges of pavements and due to the pavements being very narrow there is little width for pedestrians to walk on the. Pavements, too, along Kingswood Avenue are narrow resulting in cars parking on the green verges.

### **Headlines of the 1,000 – 1,400 Housing Development in the Breck Farm Lane Area**

- Cycle tracks are in place with areas in Breck Farm Lane itself, ie close to Breck Farm itself – being blocked off which seems unnecessary as walkers may wish to walk along Marriotts Way and blocking creates unnecessary barriers.
- There is a need to determine exactly where the proposed 1,000 – 1,400 houses are to be built. Maps need to identify exactly where types of houses are to be built, ie affordable homes as well as larger and more elaborate houses, and where agricultural land is to be left alone.
- In view of such a large area to be developed, there is a need to take into account exactly what infrastructure should be put into place; ie school(s), doctors, dentists, play areas for children, amenities for all ages such as the Community Centre at Hinks Meadow, green areas for leisure, access to such amenities to these facilities and also to those living in Breck Farm Lane and Furze Lane plus access to main roads.
- The A1067 currently has a huge volume of traffic and once the new development has been built there will be a further impact of traffic on the roads, ie congestion on the roads, need for traffic lights.
- We cannot turn the clock back but we do need to plan carefully for the long-term future: not just add on as the population grows over a period of time.