

PROPOSED GEOGRAPHIC AREA

To include the following Wards and populations (2011 Census)

ASHFIELD LAG		
Ref	WARD	POPULATION (2011 Census)
1	SELSTON	6,753
2	JACKSDALE	3,158
3	UNDERWOOD	2,953
4	WOODHOUSE	7,109
	TOTAL	19,973

SYNERGY WITH OTHER LEADER/EAFRD ACTIVITY

To date, in Nottinghamshire there has only been one successful LEADER Bid in the form of North Nottinghamshire – covering the Districts of Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood.

The North Notts LEADER LAG was awarded £40k in transitional funding to support the development of an LDS for consideration under the new LEADER Programme period (2014-2020).

Consultants have been appointed in North Notts to undertake an assessment of what went well, what could be improved and to undertake a data refresh. This work has involved consultations with stakeholders/partners/applicants and a Workshop was held on the 7th January 2014. Various matters were discussed including priority activities moving forward however key was a consensus to help take forward LEADER coverage by working with other partners to help support new LAGS by sharing lessons and knowledge etc.

At a D2N2 LEP led Rural Workshop on the 17th January 2014 – further consensus of partners was achieved to increase LEADER coverage in Nottinghamshire with scope for joint working arrangements. This meeting also discussed the need to link up all rural activity with:

- the D2N2 LEP's £6.1m EAFRD allocation within the Growth Plan and
- any emerging CLLD activity in rural areas.

There is an acute awareness of the need to avoid geographic duplication of areas/activity and to create complementarity and synergies. How this will be achieved will be determined in due course through on going engagement with the D2N2 LEP and partners - including engagement with the CLLD Prospectus when published by the LEP. Although it is fully understood that a LEADER area and CLLD area cannot overlap, it is noted that CLLD can operate around a LEADER area to help unlock the potential for delivery and growth. This will need to be taken into account in due course in order to achieve appropriate local delivery opportunities.

At the aforementioned Workshop, the LEP committed to being actively engaged in the LEADER process through Defra and for partners, led by the LEP to “support and facilitate LEADER LAGs to develop and gather information, statistics and evidence to build their business case” Further, Defra will be engaging with D2N2 at a strategic level to ensure activity coherence.