

## Neighbourhood Plans What are they?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development.

Neighbourhood plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. It may deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, health, employment, transport, heritage and the countryside), or it may focus on one or two key issues that are of particular importance.

It will bring together residents, businesses, local groups and landowners to share ideas and build consensus about what the village needs.

A Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to examination and referendum and then form part of the Local Development Plan. This legal status gives the Neighbourhood Plan far more weight than some other local planning documents, such as village plans, community plans and village design statements.

*A Neighbourhood plan provides the opportunity for local people to set out a positive vision for how they want to shape their community. They can decide on planning policies that will help deliver that vision or grant planning permission for the development they want to see.*