

# **Status of the Wellesbourne and Walton Neighbourhood Plan**

**Presentation to the Dene Valley U3A**

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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**Chair, Wellesbourne and Walton Neighbourhood Plan**



# Background

The Localism Act (2011) made provision for Neighbourhood Plans giving communities a greater say in local land use related developments

Policies established as part of a Neighbourhood Plan have statutory status and, once approved, become an integral part of the District Local Plan (Core Strategy)

In early 2014, the Parish Council arranged a meeting in the Village Hall to see if residents felt we should have a Neighbourhood Plan

An estimated 150 residents turned up and gave an over whelming vote in support of proceeding

A number of residents and Councillors agreed to form the team to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan



# **Are we alone? Certainly not ...**

**Nationally (just England involved in these plans)**

**2500 Plans started**

**550+ Plans completed ('made')**

**At a District level**

**35 Plans started**

**9 Plans completed**

**Bidford; Kineton; Long Compton; Salford Priors;  
Shipston; Snitterfield; Welford; Wilmcote; Wooton  
Wawen;**



# Early Engagement

Established the 'Likes, Dislikes and Wishes' about living in our Parish

- Wellesbourne Street Fayre
- Walton Fete
- School Fete
- Open Forum session
- St Peter's Christmas Fair
- Village Hall lights 'switch-on'



Articles in Wellesbourne and Walton News  
Regular reports to Parish Council

# Questionnaire Released to Seek Views

## Land use related (basis for Neighbourhood Plan)

Heritage and Environment

Housing

Economy and Jobs

## Non land use related (for Parish Council consideration)

Sports and Leisure

Infrastructure

Community

Healthcare

Young People

Over 1000 responses received  
Over 50,000 comments made

# Land-Use Related Policies Developed

## Heritage and Environment

Green space designation; Allotment retention;  
Local heritage/historic sites, and landscapes preservation;  
Biodiversity retention; Separation of villages

## Housing *Wellesbourne already has enough*

Location, design (size/mix/layout) of any more housing (*if required*); Flood risk management

## Economy and Jobs

Support for retail and commercial businesses  
*..... including retention of the flying function  
at the airfield*

# Plan Report Progression

6 week community-wide consultation held

Plan updated and supported by Parish/District Council

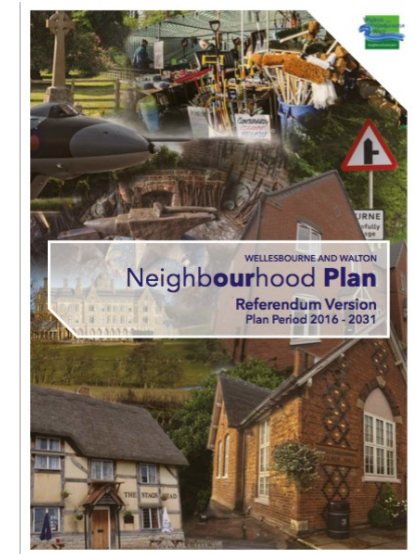
Further updates made after review by an Independent Examiner (Planning Expert)

Plan now ready to go to referendum

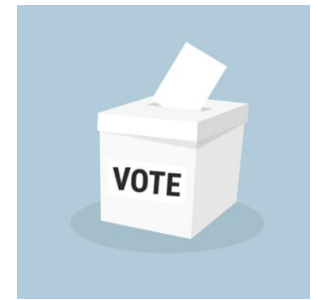
**11<sup>th</sup> October in Village Hall**

A majority vote in favour will ensure the Plan is 'MADE'

Our Policies must then be taken into account as part of any future planning applications



# Want to find out more?



Come along to one of our 'drop in' sessions

Airfield Café Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.30 - 11.30 am

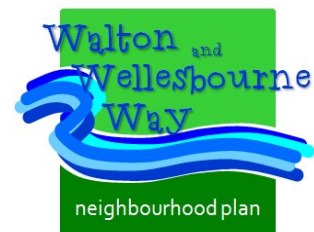
Sainsbury's Store Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 4.00 – 7 pm

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.00 – 5 pm

Visit our website at [www.w-w-w.org.uk](http://www.w-w-w.org.uk)

If you have any questions then you can contact us at [info@w-w-w.org.uk](mailto:info@w-w-w.org.uk) or 07967 057448

See details on our stand at the back





# Make your Vote Count

Leaflet drops planned for mid Sept and early Oct

Posters and banners will be put up during Sept

Press articles and social media updates planned

## Don't miss your chance to vote

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Village Hall 7am to 10pm**

Not registered to vote? See details at back

