



The Neighbourhood Plan report is taking shape!

A key stage in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan is to prepare a report that contains a vision and objectives for the development of our community over the next 15 years. This must be based on the feedback provided by residents and businesses during the questionnaire survey and the various engagement sessions held since early 2014, with the aspiration of making our parish a happier, more attractive and safer place to live and work.

In order to achieve these ambitions, a series of policies are being drafted which must be adhered to when any form of development takes place within our Parish. This could range from the design, type (i.e. affordable) and location of any new housing, along with checks on the adequacy of infrastructure, through to the preservation and access to green space within and around our villages.

The expectation is that the Neighbourhood Plan report will be ready for your comments by February, following which there will be a further series of reviews involving the Parish and District Councils, before being sent to a Government Inspector to get approval that what we are proposing is compliant with National and European legislation. The final step is then to come back to the local community to ask whether to accept the Neighbourhood Plan proposals by means of a referendum where a simple majority vote is needed to secure success!

Although it might seem like an extraordinarily long time, it is quite possible that it will take another year to complete this task! After that, the policies that have been agreed will become an integral part of the District Core Strategy and must be taken fully into account as part of any planning decision.

A full copy of the feedback received during the questionnaire survey and the earlier engagement sessions can be seen on our website at www.w-w-w.org.uk, and if you have any views you wish to share with us in the meantime then please send an e-mail to info@w-w-w.org.uk or contact us on 07967 057448.