

I want to get involved in a planning issue

E.g. more affordable houses or where development should take place

Do you want to influence local planning policy?

YES

You need a Neighbourhood Plan

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E.g. reduce speeding, anti-social behavior or improve footpaths in the area

Do you want to influence non-planning issues?

YES

You need a Community Plan

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E.g. design principles and infrastructure for sites that have already been allocated for development

Do you want to influence a development brief?

YES

You need a Development Brief

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Do you want to comment on a planning application?

YES

You need to go to the Planning Portal

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I need a Neighbourhood Plan



Get Started

Contact Parish/Town Council.
Parish/Town Council establish a steering group.
Involve wider community.
Advise the District Council what you are doing.



Identify the Issues

Gather evidence.
Apply to District Council to be designated as a neighbourhood area.
District Council to consult (minimum 6 weeks).



Develop a Vision and Objectives

Check with District Council for conformity with strategic policies in SWDP.



Draft the Neighbourhood Plan

"Screen" to determine whether any environmental assessments are necessary.
Check with District Council for conformity with strategic policies in SWDP.



Consultation and Submission

Parish/Town Council consult on pre-submission Plan Proposal (min 6 weeks).
Prepare final Plan Proposal.
Submit Plan Proposal to District Council.
District Council to consult (min 6 weeks).



Independent Examination

District Council appoint examiner.
Examiners report published.



Referendum and Adoption

District Council arrange public referendum.
If majority vote achieved, District Council adopt Neighbourhood Plan.
Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the Development Plan.





