

Chichester District Council



Neighbourhood Planning

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Neighbourhood Development Plan - pro-growth, local policies and allocations

It is a new way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be about the use and development of land and buildings. It can also have a say in how buildings should look (their 'design'), or the materials they are constructed from.

What are Neighbourhood Development Plans?



- Initiated by the community
- Content is decided by local people
- About shaping new development
- Process led by a parish council or neighbourhood plan forum
- Are not compulsory

So what can Neighbourhood Plans do...?



- Identify local allocations for new housing, employment, greenspace, local facilities and shops and other facilities
- Say what development should look like
- Plans could be very simple and short, or go into great detail if people want
- Give the community opportunities to get to shape their area
- Must be in general conformity with NPPF and Chichester District Council's strategic policies but can add detail to the development management policies

Basic Process of a Neighbourhood Plan



Town/Parish Council decides to do a Neighbourhood Plan

It applies to the District Council to agree the Plan area

Plan preparation (including community engagement)

Pre submission consultation

Plan examined by independent and appropriately qualified Examiner

Any changes agreed

Referendum

If 'yes' – Used as policy by District Council

Chichester District Council's, and the South Downs National Parks role ...



Where a Parish falls within the National Park the Park Authority leads on supporting Neighbourhood Planning. Where a Parish falls outside the National Park, Chichester District Council leads on supporting Neighbourhood Planning. Where the Parish is on the boundary both authorities will provide support with the one containing the main settlement leading.

The lead for Neighbourhood Planning at the National Park is Andrew Triggs. Andrew.triggs@southdowns.gov.uk

Chichester District Council's, and the South Downs National Parks role ...



- Agreeing the neighbourhood plan area
- Providing advice and support throughout the process
- Pre-examination check
- Organise examination and referendum
- Making the plan if successful

Parishes we are working with



Southbourne

Boxgrove

Birdham

Westbourne

Selsey

Bosham

Lynchmere

Kirdford

Loxwood

Wisborough Green

Plaistow and Ifold

Tangmere

Chidham and Hambrook

Westhampnett

Fishbourne

East Wittering

West Wittering

Hunston

West Itchenor

All have different local circumstances, issues and
Neighbourhood Plans

Who covers the costs?

Local Authorities

- Pay for examinations and local referendums
- Provide support and advice to neighbourhood planning groups
- Officer support for Neighbourhood Plans

Promoters of neighbourhood planning

- Groups/individuals in the community
- Developers

Central Government

- Funding is available

Neighbourhood Planning Support



The **Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning** programme was officially launched on 1 May 2013. It can help in two ways:

- **Direct support** – advice and support, tailored to meet the needs of the supported community. Next tranche of Direct support available from February 2014.
- **Grant payments** – up to £7,000 per neighbourhood plan area, to contribute to costs incurred by the group preparing a neighbourhood plan.

Who is eligible?

- Parish Councils preparing a neighbourhood plan can apply



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Any Questions