

Neighbourhood Planning

A Neighbourhood Plan for the parish...?



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It's a means by which a local community can influence future land usage and development within its parish area. For details, please see the following government websites:

www.neighbourhoodplanning.org and www.mycommunity.org.uk.

Why bother?

Because the government says that a Neighbourhood Plan offers the best chance for a local community to influence planning development decisions in its area.

But isn't Warndon Villages already fully developed?

No. Some residents may be concerned that, e.g.: further parts of the green network around the Villages might be under threat...; or that planning applications in sensitive areas might appear out of the blue

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(did anyone expect the Gtech application?)...; or that the traffic levels might increase intolerably...; or that parking arrangements near the hospital might be worsened by some developments nearby...

Isn't some future development inevitable?

Yes, but a Neighbourhood Plan can demonstrate where the community would prefer for such development to go (or not go!), and what form it should take. Residents' views must be taken into account during the planning process.

Does that mean we can stop *all* housing or commercial development?

No, but it means that there is a better chance of influencing the Planning process and Planning Committee decisions.

What will the Parish Council do?

To produce a Neighbourhood Plan will take time and effort, and must take account of the views of the local community. We will need feedback from you, our residents, as to whether you would support us in this process...

So, what do you think?

Would you like to help?

Please check out the websites mentioned above and email us *your* views, at:

neighbourhoodplan@warndonparishcouncil.org