



NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Help shape the future of Wolston Village

IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

Include **YOUR** visions and aspirations for Wolston

*People working together, respecting our local history and building
a vibrant community now and for the future...*

THE FIVE KEY AREAS:

Economy • Housing • Environment • Infrastructure • Employment

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan is a legally binding document put together by the community.

“Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.”

Source: www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2

A Neighbourhood Plan, or NDP for short, produced through the Localism Act 2011, is a very comprehensive document that can include stipulations on planning permission (as seen below in Kineton, Stratford District) and also include visions and aspirations about amenities, green spaces, transport, employment, village tourism etc. The plans can also include initiatives designed to protect existing local features and services as well as priorities for new developments and enhancements.

But does it work? Why bother? No one will listen...

Yes, they will. An NDP isn't about stopping growth completely but ensuring that we take the opportunity to have proportionate, sympathetic and sustainable growth that fulfils our community needs. This proved successfully in Kineton (and other parishes) where planning permission was refused as the development was out of kilter with their plan.

“Plan for 90-home development in Kineton is refused!”

“The secretary of state acknowledges that the housing sites in the Kineton Parish Neighbourhood Plan represent the choice expressed by local people to ensure that they get what they perceive as the right types of development in the places they consider right for their community; and he agrees with the Inspector that the appeal proposal is out of kilter with the distribution of development at Kineton envisaged in that plan”.

Source: www.banburyguardian.co.uk/news/plan-for-90-home-development-in-kineton-is-refused-1-7633335

What is the alternative if we do not create a plan?

Simply put, Rugby Borough Council will have direct control over all development in the Parish. We will not have a say. However RBC are keen for us to have a plan and are committed (and legally obliged) to work with us to help develop the plan.

What is Wolston doing and what has been done so far?

We have an active community and voluntary lead Co-ordination Group that was established in 2015. We have an active chairman, secretary, finance officer and team leaders of 5 major working groups:

*Housing, Environment, Infrastructure, Economy, Employment
and Communications & Engagement*

Each group is working on the 'Policies' that will make up the core of our Plan. However, each Policy must be evidence based and that takes time and effort. We need input from the residents via many mediums: surveys, comments at meetings or via email or social media, mood cards, online polls and such.

We have already sent out 'mood cards' in 2015 and have monthly Public Meetings where all residents are welcome to come and share their views, concerns or ask any questions.

Housing is a major concern of this plan and a Housing Needs Survey is going out to all residents in late March 2017. This will allow residents to have their say **WHAT** sort of houses are needed and **WHO** they should be available to.

Later on in 2017 another Survey will be distributed to cover the other 5 key areas.

We are also hiring an independent, professional consultant to guide us through the process and ensure our plan fully meets the legal requirements.

How can you help?

You can help us if you:

- Join one of the working groups (do you have expertise in a specific area?).
- Talk about the plan with family, friends, neighbours or at social groups.
- Fill in the Surveys that are coming soon and encourage others to do the same.
- Attend our monthly meetings and air your views.
- Join us on Facebook – details overleaf.
- Email or message us your thoughts and ideas.
- Sign up to our email list to receive minutes of our monthly meetings.
- Volunteer to help for an hour or two when we send out "calls for help".

Our Aim

We want to make this Plan relevant and robust for all the residents of Wolston but we need your help to do it. We want to ensure that this plan contains **everything Wolston residents would like**. Make sure your voice is heard!

Once we have a finalised draft, it is sent for independent examination and, subject to a local referendum, comes into force. The plan will be applicable until 2031.

Further reading

See what other areas are doing by visiting the following links of completed or draft Neighbourhood Plans:

www.stratford.gov.uk/planning/welford-on-avon-neighbourhood-plan.cfm

www.stratford.gov.uk/planning/bidford-on-avon-neighbourhood-plan.cfm

www.stratford.gov.uk/planning/kineton-neighbourhood-plan.cfm

Look at this great document that outlines the process of Neighbourhood Planning:

www.locality.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-roadmap-guide

We also have some paper copies available for you to borrow.

All of our meeting minutes, promotional material, links to further resources and much more can be found on the village website:

www.wolstonvillage.co.uk

The Neighbourhood Plan team is on hand to help answer any questions or listen to your views.

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www.wolstonvillage.co.uk



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www.facebook.com/groups/wolstonvillage



All residents are welcome to our monthly 'Steering Group' meeting, usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the

Church Rooms of St Margaret's at 7.30pm.

Please check local noticeboards, sign up to our email alerts or 'like' our Facebook page to keep up to date.

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