



# Farringdon Community Consultation November 2018

# **Purpose of Report**

This report presents and analyses the response to the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation carried out in the parish of Farringdon about the Aims and Objectives of the Plan. The report also makes recommendations (page 7) on the Aims and Objectives that should be adopted for the Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Introduction

Neighbourhood planning in the Parish began in earnest in the spring of 2018. The process is being 'steered' by a Steering Group of local people appointed by Farringdon Parish Council. The Group's project plan and timetable and where the process is at, is summarised in the table below.

Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan Project Plan																		
	2018						2019											
Key Stages:		М	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S
Getting Started																		
Identify Issues & Opportunities																		
Vision & Objectives								C3										
Generate Options																		
Prepare Draft Plan											C4							
Consultation & Submission														C5	C5			
Independent Examination								<u> </u>										
Consultation Stages:				•											•			
C2 – community test of opinions and interpretations																		
C3 – consult on draft vision & objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan																		
C4 – in formal consultation on draft Neighbourhood Plan																		
C5 - formal (Regulation 14) consultation on Pre-submission Version of the Neighbourhood Plan																		

Following a discussion on the issues and community messages coming out of the 'local evidence', the Steering Group, at its meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018, approved a set of draft aims and objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan to be shared with the community of the Parish for its consideration and comment. It was agreed to carry out this consultation on the morning of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 by way of a public exhibition at the Village Hall in Farringdon.

## **Consultation Stage 3**

The neighbourhood planning legislation places an obligation on the Parish Council to carry out an extensive and inclusive programme of community engagement. Consulting with the community will be a continuous and on-going process. The Project Plan earmarks five main consultation points during the plan-making period. The purpose of this stage of the community engagement programme (C3 on Project Plan above) was to:

- to test the interpretation of the local evidence to ensure the messages received are correct
- share a draft aims and objectives for the Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan
- · seek reaction/endorsement of the vision and objectives
- explore the themes and priorities for neighbourhood planning policies

The Steering Group decided that the best method to do this was to hold an exhibition to display the draft proposals and allow local people to view them together and share their reaction and responses.

# **Organising the Event/Exhibition**

Members of the Steering Group shared the responsibility for organising the consultation event. At a dedicated meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 a list of required resources and a task list was prepared. The Steering Group is appreciative of the help that was offered by East Devon District Council to print the exhibition sheets and loan display panels.

#### **Publicity**

The event was promoted and publicised in several ways. An advert and an information article were put in November edition of the Farringdon Flyer. A pre-notice of the event mentioned in the previous edition of the Flyer (see appendix C). The event was publicised on the parish website and a notice was put out via Facebook. An email circulated via Farringdon 'Ringmaster Group' members distributed copies of the advert locally where they lived (see appendix C).

#### Content

The Consultation Event featured a series of exhibition boards that presented the Steering Group's findings and draft proposals on a topic by topic basis. Displayed for attendees to comment on were:

- Community Messages
- Draft Aim
- Draft Objectives

Members of the Steering Group were on hand to encourage members of the public to express support or otherwise to what was on display by using the dots available and also to contribute their own thoughts by using the 'post-it' notes.

## **Farringdon Community Messages**

#### **Natural Environment and Countryside**

- Protect vulnerable natural environment
- Retain rurality
- Support farming
- Reduce and prevent all types of pollution

#### **Built Environment and Housing**

- Design of new development is important
- Limit new development mainly to that which meets a local need
- Eco-friendly development is favoured
- Emphasise centre/heart of village
- Small scale housing development may be acceptable
- Limit intensification of existing plots

#### **Business and Tourism**

- Constrain growth of industrial areas
- Support farming and horticultural businesses
- Restrict tourism development
- Encourage 'green' practices

#### **Community Facilities and Services**

- Support community horticulture initiatives
- Better play space for young children
- Meet need for local recreation opportunities
- Make best use of community spaces
- Support necessary improvements to community facilities and spaces
- Encourage re-cycling

The Parish is short of public open space

#### **Transport**

- Road condition and safety is a major issue
- The roads should remain rural in status

New cycle routes and more footpath routes would be welcomed

The Consultation Boards also offered the following **draft aims** and **draft objectives** for reaction and comment:

## **Farringdon Draft Aims and Objectives**

**Natural Environment and Countryside** 

#### Ensure changes are in the best interests of the countryside and natural environment

- Protect sensitive natural habitats
- Respect landscape character

#### **Built Environment and Housing**

#### **Enable sensitive and sustainable development**

- Ensure new development is of an appropriate scale and design
- Encourage eco-friendly development
- Reinforce the sense of a village centre
- Enable small scale housing development that meets some form of local need
- Control garden development

#### **Business and Tourism**

## Support local enterprise if it doesn't conflict or intrude on rural

- · Control development and impact of industrial/commercial activity
- Enable local farming to remain viable
- Support sustainable tourism

## **Community Facilities and Services**

## Facilitate improvements to community facilities that serve local needs

• Support new and improved community facilities and spaces

#### **Transport**

## Facilitate improvements to the transport network in the interests of accessibility and safety

• Support improvements and extensions to the footpath network and safe cycling routes

## **Attendance**

On the morning of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018; the weather was not kind. The rain was heavy at times. Despite the inclement weather, there was a total attendance of 39 people through the doors at Farringdon Village Hall. Refreshments were provided.















Pictures from an Exhibition 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Farringdon Village Hall

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# Response and Interpretation

reported that most attendees participated with some enthusiasm showed interest the potential that Neighbourhood Plan offered.
Most people made use of both



sticky dots and the 'postits' that were available for them to express their opinion. There was plenty of conversation too between visitors and the members of Steering Group, during which many valid opinions were expressed. Appendix A provides the dot counts for

each aspect that was under consultation. The written comments made on post-it notes are transcribed and set out topic by topic in Appendix B to this report.

The following is a topic by topic summary of what the community said.

## Natural Environment and Countryside

## **Community Messages**

The community fully endorsed the messages that had been distilled from previous consultations and other local evidence. It is clear the community cares and feels strongly that local countryside should be protected and not just because of the rural character and lifestyle it provides. The agricultural value of the countryside and the diverse ecology it provides habitats for are also recognised.

**Draft Aims** 

The community, as represented by the attendees at the consultation, agrees with the draft aim and is content that its stewardship role is reflected in the purpose and policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **Draft Objectives**

The two draft objectives offered for comment were given support by attendees. The weight of the comments would also suggest that further objectives are required relating to encouragement for traditional farming practices, and for the protection and enhancement of woodlands, trees and hedgerows, which provide important habitats as well as contributing to the essential character of the landscape.

## **Built Environment and Housing**

#### Community Messages

The community, as represented by the attendees at the consultation, is less certain about the key messages relating to development, and housing in particular. This was the only topic that attracted a noticeable disagreement with the messages as written. There is a discernible ambiguity in the response, suggesting the community may be split on the preferable scale and type of future development. The dichotomy is most apparent over the matter of development within existing residential gardens. Where the community does agree is that new development should focus on meeting local needs, and large-scale development is neither necessary or welcome.

#### **Draft Aims**

The draft aim has community support although this support is not expressed as strongly as for other topics; presumably because it is, in essence, a pro-development aim.

# **Draft Objectives**

Two of the draft objectives received a significant negative reaction. One related to controlling garden development. A few people remarked that the ambiguity of the way the objective was worded may have contributed to the reaction. The other adverse reaction relates to small-scale development meeting local need; although it seems clear from the associated comments that the disagreement with the objective is mainly about the development aspect. The comments do not represent a call for additional objectives, but they do demand a revisit to the draft objectives and a careful redrafting to reflect community aspirations in a positive way.

#### **Business and Tourism**

#### **Community Messages**

Only one of the proffered community messages was reacted against. This relates to tourism. Whilst opinion is not strong either way, there are more people than not, wishing to restrict tourism development. All evidence from the community response to the draft objectives and the written comments suggest this perspective is focussed on Crealy Park.

#### **Draft Aims**

The community, as represented by the attendees at the consultation, supports local enterprise as long as it is appropriate to the rural location that is the parish of Farringdon.

## **Draft Objectives**

The draft objectives receive significance support. The weight of the comments would also suggest that objectives relating to support for small-scale businesses that are rural in character, such as 'cottage industries' and creatives, and removing the barriers to home-working should be included.

#### Community Facilities and Services

## Community Messages

The community messages relating to the community and its facilities seems to have received the weakest response from attendees. Everyone of the key messages was endorsed but not that strongly.

#### **Draft Aims**

The community, as represented by the attendees at the consultation, supports improvements to community facilities to serve local needs.

## **Draft Objectives**

The written comments suggest that people do have thoughts and ideas on how Farringdon can be a more sustainable community and this needs to be reflected in the objectives. There is significant support for a more intensive use of the village hall and additional space being used to create a form of community hub, which could serve local retail, social and welfare purposes and create a stronger sense of community and establish the heart of the village.

#### **Transport**

## **Community Messages**

There was strong endorsement for the community messages.

## **Draft Aims**

The community, as represented by the attendees at the consultation, is strongly behind necessary improvements to the transport network to improve accessibility or increase safety.

#### **Draft Objectives**

Transport and traffic attracted a lot of comments. These included many sound suggestions on how to improve the roads, reduce the negative impact of traffic, and help people get around safely on foot and cycle. Most of the suggestions however are management or human-behavioural matters that are outside the scope of a neighbourhood plan. There is no obvious omission in the draft objectives that needs remedying.

#### **Revisions and Recommendations**

As a result of the analysis of the response received at the Community Consultation Event in November 2018, it is recommended that changes are made to the set of draft aims and objectives and the following are considered for adoption as the aims and objectives of the Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan:

Nb. Additional objectives are indicated in green 
Altered objectives are indicated in orange

## Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan – Proposed Aims and Objectives

## **Natural Environment and Countryside**

#### Ensure changes are in the best interests of the countryside and natural environment

- Safeguard sensitive natural habitats
- Respect landscape character
- Protect woodlands, trees and hedgerows
- Encourage sustainable farming practices

## **Built Environment and Housing**

#### **Enable sensitive and sustainable development**

- Ensure new development is of an appropriate scale and design
- Encourage eco-friendly development
- Reinforce the sense of a village centre
- Ensure housing development meets a recognised local housing need
- Set limits on garden development

#### **Business and Tourism**

#### Support local enterprise if it doesn't conflict or intrude on rural

- Control the impact of industrial/commercial activity
- Encourage appropriate types of small enterprise
- Support small-scale tourism initiatives
- Address barriers to home-working

## **Community Facilities and Services**

## Facilitate improvements to community facilities that serve local needs

- Facilitate the development of a community hub
- Support new and improved community facilities and spaces if needed

#### **Transport**

## Facilitate improvements to the transport network in the interests of accessibility and safety

• Support improvements and extensions to the footpath network and safe cycling routes

# **Appendix A - Exhibition Panels & Responses**

Green = Agree Red = Disagree

	Natural Environment and Countryside		
	Protect vulnerable natural environment	20	
	Retain rurality	20	
community messages	Support farming	16	
	Reduce and prevent all types of pollution	22	
Draft Aim	Ensure changes are in the best interests of the countryside and natural environment	19	
	Protect sensitive natural habitats	25	
Draft Obj.	Respect landscape character	23	
L	Built Environment and Housing		
	Design of new development is important	11	3
	Limit new development mainly to that which meets a local need	15	
community	Eco-friendly development is favoured	9	2
messages	Emphasise centre/heart of village	11	1
	Small scale housing development may be acceptable	10	6
	Limit intensification of existing plots	3	7
Draft Aim	Enable sensitive and sustainable development	13	
	Ensure new development is of an appropriate scale and design	22	
D (4 Ob.)	Encourage eco-friendly development	13	2
Draft Obj.	Reinforce village centre	17	
	Enable small scale housing development that meets some form of local need	18	6
	Control garden development	6	13
	Business and Tourism		
	Constrain growth of industrial areas	21	
community	Support farming and horticultural businesses	12	
messages	Restrict tourism development	9	3
	Encourage 'green' practices	13	
Draft Aim	Support local enterprise if it doesn't conflict or intrude on rural	21	
Draft Obj.	Control development and impact of industrial/commercial activity	28	
	Enable local farming to remain viable	19	

	Support sustainable tourism	20	
	Community Facilities and Services		
	Support community horticulture initiatives	4	<u> </u>
	Better play space for young children	3	
	Meet need for local recreation opportunities	12	
community	Make best use of community spaces	11	
messages	Support necessary improvements to community facilities and spaces	9	
	Encourage re-cycling	14	
	The Parish is short of public open space	7	
Draft Aim	Facilitate improvements to community facilities that serve local needs	16	
Draft Obj.	Support new and improved community facilities and spaces	19	2
	Transport		
community	Road condition and safety is a major issue	23	
messages	The roads should remain rural in status	17	
	New cycle routes and more footpath routes would be welcomed	20	2
Draft Aim	Facilitate improvements to the transport network in the interests of accessibility and safety	17	
Draft Obj.	Support improvements and extensions to the footpath network and safe cycling routes	23	1

# **Appendix B – Reaction and Comments**

#### **Exhibition Transcriptions**

#### **Natural Environment**

Protect Farringdon green spaces and support traditional farming especially the small acreage farms Too much pollution from Hill Barton

Further limit industrial development along the A3052

No hedges or trees to be destroyed in development specifically of commercial spaces or large fields Farmland to remain farmland – no commercial development to protect character, environment, agriculture, protected species (bat, birds etc)

Maintain existing forests – plant more trees and forests

Carry out survey of existing trees and develop tree planting schedule where appropriate

Support farming and farmland for future food sustainability

Keep farmland as farmland

Save our fields, green spaces, birds, bees, bats all species and trees

Maintain farming land and restrict further development to residential only

Farming is important to Farringdon as long as it exists as traditional farming – no adapting of fields commercially or tarmac

Maintain hedgerows and restrict growth on to roads – it's now impossible to walk on the airport road safety issues Protect the environment from industrial creep

Could Farringdon be a pioneer of eco-practices to raise the bar for a good affordable way of life without hurting the planet?

Save Farringdon as a village with its character and ethos. Don't let the A3052 sprawl consume it to be a faceless block of mass housing. We should be raising the bar to make the village sustainable, eco, unique

Farringdon has 13 different species of bat and rare newts, so protect their environment and the trees they need Limit any further industrial development no further expansion on greenfield sites

Limit property development where required – consideration to affordable housing

Ensure more planting where required especially around existing industrial sites i.e. better screening Contain and restrict existing and future industrial development e.g. Hill Barton, Greendale, Waldrons Built Environment and Housing

Affordable homes for the youth of Farringdon

Anything that supports working from home

Important to have sympathetic design for nay new housing

Any new housing should support better sewage, infrastructure for the Drive

Simple single garden plot building should be allowed if not visible

Small housing development, single builds etc welcome not huge housing estate

Provide homes for 1<sup>st</sup> time buyers

Small-scale development – restore natural facilities like Devon banks and hedges, natural centre of village is village hall

What happened to the houses destined for Princes Cottage grounds?

Self-build for single housing acceptable and large-scale executive developments would impair characteristic and infrastructure of Farringdon

Provide homes for local seniors

Housing should be restricted to the village centre to create a 'heart'. Currently there is more housing at the Drive and Farringdon Cross. Village needs a 'heart'.

Better protection against hill Barton development necessary

Allow small developments especially for local people

I object to a large-scale housing estate, single dwellings would be more suitable to the area

There's nowhere for residents to downsize to so they move away. Need suitable houses and gardens for them to move to

Small-scale housing, yes. Ensure there's affordable houses included consider possible development of such on available brownfield sites, not into new greenfield ones.

We wish to emphasise that garden development shall be controlled. The item could be read in two ways.

Small-scale development should be allowed for local people

Prevent the development creep from airport and Hill Barton and Greendale Farringdon

mustn't get swallowed up into Exeter and mustn't become a new town congregate

houses in large-scale development elsewhere

Simple small-scale development not very big developments

#### **Business and Tourism**

Any small cottage industry would be welcome

Encourage more B&Bs to start up

Small business and cottage industries – no more industry Farringdon has too much

Better broadband is needed

Limit Hill Barton Industrial Estate to present boundaries and protect local residents with green boundaries

Hill Barton must be contained as it is having a massive on residents living nearby

Hil Barton – no more development too big already A3052 at Clyst St Mary cannot cope at rush hour. This applies to Greendale also

No further industrial/commercial development is the Hill Barton area and spreading towards the village

Welcome B&Bs, eco-tourism, creatives, digital, forward thinking cottage industries

More use of village hall – creches, meetings for OAPs etc

Small local craft industries based in or near individual homes and exhibitions of work/displays in village halls Creative industries welcome as long as distribution and commercialisation is kept to a minimum without added pressure to roads, noise etc

Greater emphasis on protecting countryside as this is beauty of village for tourists. No more industries far too much already

Help people to work at home more. Broadband connection is a real issue

No more development at Hill Barton more broadband connection

Limit hill Barton, Waldrons, Greendale and A3052 development

Stop Crealy Park getting bigger, causes lots of traffic problems

Hill Barton should be kept to its present boundary

Ensure local business which would benefit from tourism, B&B etc

#### **Community Facilities and Services**

Re-establishment and maintenance of public footpaths

Defibrillator at village hall perhaps with training days

A community facility to promote health and wellbeing is needed, a swimming pool and exercise facility

More use of village hall for courses, exercise classes and exhibitions

Allotments would build a sense of community and give somewhere to grow veg

Suggest a new community centre

A pub

Would welcome community shop/centre/space

Would welcome community shop/bakery/theatre

Better broadband

More bridle-paths for recreational walking dogs, horses – maintain existing footpaths

Fitness events in village hall would be good

Additional community supported events – music in village hall – activities and creative workshops

Public footpaths identified and kept cleared- signs at Farringdon Cross and Princes Cross have gone missing

More activities in village hall – games/sports/reading groups

More use of village hall – a creche for working mums

Please can we have better broadband

Trash on Parsonage Road needs to be addressed by gypsy park

Land area of camp site on Parsonage Road needs to proactively maintain

No pub

A pub or shop or GP practice

Please can notice-boards be maintained

Pub and/or community centre or shop

A central pub/café would join the community together

## **Transport**

B3184 restrict vehicles over 3.5 tonnes except for access and except buses. Road is a nightmare at rush hour from airport

Develop cycle way along A3052 opposite football ground (plenty of space) or fields at Cat and Fiddle

Pedestrians cannot walk on B3184 it is dangerous

Better pedestrian access to Crealy

Need a path or pavements on the A3052 to enable access to Greendale without needing a car

Speed restriction on 3052 and 3184

White-lining, cats' eyes, signage, sign cleaning improvements

Restrict large lorries speed limit on Parsonage Lane and B3184 open up footpaths heavy vehicle restriction sign cleaning improve lay-by on A3052 – smarten it up

B3184 perhaps restrict large vehicles and add speed limit to 40mph

If any more housing is allowed, there will possibly be a problem with the added cars on the lanes

Spain Lane prevent rear access from Hill Barton onto Span Lane currently used as a rat-run to avoid congestion at Clyst St Mary at rush hour

Restrict large commercial vehicles from village roads using Farringdon as a cut through to hill Barton from B3184 Put a weight restriction on the B3184 between airport and Sidmouth road to keep it rural and prevent it being used by large lorries

Open up footpaths to connect the village more so people can walk between the Drive and the Church but off the road

Restrict the number of cycling events going through the village to an acceptable level

Rush hour congestion on B3184 make this an access road only

Repair potholes

Maintain road ditches for water run-off

30mph speed limit on B3184

More footpaths in general

Restrict commercial vehicles using lane from Princes Cottages to rear of Hill Barton Business Park and Wood Farm Parish Council needs to maintain their two bus shelters

No use of village as rat-run local access only

B3184 ban on huge lorries and other big vehicles

B3184 is dangerous need speed restriction heavy vehicle restriction

Re-position bus stops Hill Barton, Crealy Park

Ban on huge lorries down B3184

No commercial vehicles from the Barton Industrial Estate allowed to use the village as cut through

Hill Barton junction Crealy junction major improvements required roundabout/lights

A3052 is lethal. More must be done regarding speed/safety. Too many RTCs. No-one dies, authorities unconcerned.

Head in the sand. VAS, speed gateways on the straight. State of rural lanes in the parish appalling

More hardcore in passing places on our lanes

No heavy vehicles through except the local business

No to a new road link to M5 junc. 29 in this parish

No EMS skips to drive through village unless being hire locally in village

Traffic control at hill Barton/Crealy needed

Footpath/cycle path from Greendale to Clyst St Mary – get Stuarts and Carters to pay for

#### **What if Anything Needs Changing**

Allow a policy of self-build for just one or two houses only GG

Ban further large industrial estate development all together

*Improve condition of roads* 

More community events

Traffic flow

Open up the old footpaths to connect the village more – give somewhere for dog walkers G

Agree – more footpaths in centre of village

More facilities to help people keep fit and healthy

Robust sewage plant fit for purpose up at the Drive

No more industrial development at Hill Barton or Waldron's Farm GG

Encourage community spirit as Farringdon is a wide boundary

Open up old footpaths Revive twinning with Secquevile-en-Bassin- a weekend exchange of councillors Better broadband speed

Accentuate the likes

Public footpaths identified cleared and kept maintained

Lanes being destroyed by large agricultural vehicles

Planning restrictions on small-scale self-build need to be relaxed

Heavy traffic on the lanes, especially Spain Lane at peak times

There is no real social centre for Farringdon a place where locals from all over the parish can meet i.e. pub etc, thus, over such a widespread parish, nobody really gets to meet socially and regularly

**Broadband** 

No major development on A3052 Wine

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Broadband improve speed

Traffic management vehicle speed on A3052 B3184

Industrial needs to be limited and better controlled

Local website site with village concerns events updates and source for village input What

has happened to our twinning? Will anyone revive it?

## What Are Your Likes (about the parish area)?

I like that the houses are scattered

Close to Exeter and Exmouth so City and seaside

The sense of community

Beautiful hamlet and close to civilisation

Well positioned place to live

Location, private, neighbours

Good communication, road, motorway, airport

I love the peace and quiet

Close to airport and road links

Peace, quiet, helpful local neighbours, green spaces

Peaceful and little light pollution in the

Drive

Near to the airport and motorway

The open countryside

Remains of the countryside and vehicular access to Exeter

Good access to city, sea, Dartmoor, trains and airport

Rural nature of village

Rural location yet so close to the local amenities – road links, airport, city

It's still a village – don't let it become an endangered species. We need villages to break up mass housing schemes

It's a calm space. Some people need cities but some, like us, need quiet spaces

Location near to Exeter, Exmouth, Sidmouth etc – fairly quiet

Lovely rural village near to facilities, trees and animals everywhere

Rural location close to important links please stop the industrial creep

Proximity to the airport, beautiful rural area, close to coast and Exeter, convenient location What

## are your Dislikes (about the parish area)?

Minimum facilities to enable fostering a sense of community e.g. shops, pub, playground, benches to sit on Industrial development has to stop

Industrial creep from Hill Barton

Industrial creep

Too much heavy traffic on our roads. no longer safe to walk on the roads

Those who put in for planning permission for one dwelling in their garden/field get it turned down yet farmers

turning barns into houses don't

Road structure abhorrent

Not enough control of Hill Barton development and operation

Too many cycle events and the organisers never tell residents that an event will be going on

The Hill Barton development eating into the countryside

Landowners who put commercialisation and profit above villagers

Industrial development, huge lorries. Those who want profit from housing development

*Increasing industrial development* 

Litter and dog poo

Background noise from hill Barton – present much of the time and noticeable in gardens

Hill Barton, Crealy and Greendale

Confusing bus service and no late evening bus so can get in to town but not back again without driving/taxi Industrial development at Hill Barton

Industrial expansion from hill Barton too rapid and should be stopped-pollution and noise. Clear bias of planning permissions from big landowners being accepted versus smaller plans from locals being turned down

Roads are awful, both size and condition. Lack of public footpaths to link village areas like the Drive to village hall to Farringdon Cross

The continued expansion of hill Barton and associated businesses. Noise, light and other such pollution let alone associated traffic. Must not expand any more. Same with landfill. Enough.

#### **Any Other Comments?**

Will this really help?

Well done for putting this together

Be aware of GESP – it's development proposals for the future and how it may affect Farringdon. Also question future boundary changes. could Farringdon a part of Exeter i.e. no longer East Devon?

Congratulations to NP Team for your efforts. Keep up the good work.

EDDC planning should drop the pretence that residents are all rural workers (<10% per census) and plan for a wider variety of residents e.g. super-internet to facilitate home-working

## Appendix C - Publicity

Consultation Event Advert

#### FARRINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

# CONSULTATION EVENT

NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

Between 9am and 1pm in the Village Hall
(Refreshments provided)

A Neighbourhood Plan puts the community in the driving seat when it comes to local planning decisions.

Our parish has been designated as a Neighbourhood Area and the aim is to have a Plan that sets out a vision for the future of the Parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

This exhibition sets out current thinking on what the Plan should be about and gives YOU the chance to make your input on our proposals OUR COMMUNITY VOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We need you to USE YOUR VOICE And HAVE YOUR SAY

We look forward to seeing you on SATURDAY 10<sup>™</sup>

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(Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

(Information extracted from <a href="www.eastdevon.gov.uk">www.eastdevon.gov.uk</a>)

#### What are neighbourhood plans?

Through the Localism Act, the Government is giving local communities a direct say in in the future development of their neighbourhood. A Neighbourhood Plan is a planning document which guides and shapes development in the local area and is created by local people. Neighbourhood Plans are about local development issues, for example, where new homes and community buildings should go. They must focus on guiding development rather than stopping it and need to be in general conformity with national policy and local planning policies.

#### Who prepares them?

In East Devon, they are prepared by town and parish councils working with the local communities. The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be supported by the majority of the community before it can be adopted, so a referendum will need to be held.

Do Parish Councils with a Neighbourhood Plan determine planning applications within their area? No, East Devon District Council, as local planning authority, will continue to determine planning applications. Neighbourhood Plans will form a new tier of planning at a very local level. They need to conform to the strategic policies of the local plan for East Devon but will form part of the development plan for the area. The community can choose to replace the local plan development management policies with their own local ones, and, provided the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, decisions will be made in accordance with these. This accords considerable weight to the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### How will the system be fair?

Builders, developers and those with a commercial interest are able to be part of the plan making group as long as they live or work in the area covered by the plan. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to ensure that the plan making process is open and transparent. Interests are declared at the outset. The referendum and examination are intended to ensure that the majority of the community support the plan and that it meets legal requirements.

#### What role does East Devon District Council have in the process?

East Devon District Council has a duty to provide technical advice and support to the community producing a Neighbourhood Plan as well as:

- Agreeing the boundary of the area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan
- Organising the independent examination of the Neighbourhood Plan
- Arranging and funding the referendum
- · Formally adopting the Neighbourhood Plan and bringing it into force

#### Where is the Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan currently in the process?

As the area of the plan has already been agreed, the next stage in the process is to ask you, the community, what issues you would like to see addressed. Remember a Neighbourhood Plan is about land use issues and not wider parish actions. It can deal with development of new facilities or housing, building design or protection of certain areas of value from adverse change, **but not** things like problems with dog fouling or repairs to potholes in the road.

With the permission of the Parish Council, a group of interested parishioners acting as a steering group, has drawn up a set of draft aims and objectives picked up from evidence currently available. The

Exhibition on the 10 November sets out these draft aims and objectives for you to comment to.	on and add
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