

FARRINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CONSULTATION EVENT

NOVEMBER 10th 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 10TH

(Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS
(Information extracted from www.eastdevon.gov.uk)

What are neighbourhood plans?

Through the Localism Act, the Government is giving local communities a direct say 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 on and add to.