

What does Neighbourhood Planning mean for us?

We, the local residents can now make our own Neighbourhood Development Plan to guide how change happens in our area – where new, small developments for housing, services, business and community facilities will be permitted.

We can make a Plan that meets the genuine, locally identified needs of our community and that is suitable for our Neighbourhood Area.

Our Plan will have legal status. It will become part of the Local Plan. The Borough Council must refer to it when deciding planning applications. It will ensure that change and development in our area is what the community wants and needs.

Participate – speak up – make a difference!

In 2012 local communities received one of the most important rights and powers in local government – the legal right and power to make a Development Plan for their area that has legal status in the planning system.

In spring 2015 a group of local residents approached the parish councils of Whitmore, Chapel & Hill Chorlton and Maer & Aston to ask them to support Neighbourhood Planning in this area. The three parishes received Joint Neighbourhood Area status in September 2015.

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Chapel & Hill Chorlton, Maer & Aston and Whitmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is supported by the three Parish Councils of Chapel & Hill Chorlton, Maer & Aston and Whitmore.

The Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Development Plan is comprised of residents from all three parishes and representatives of the three Parish Councils.

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The ball's in *your* court

Information Day

**Whitmore Village Hall
Saturday 12 March 2016
11.00am to 3.00pm**

Drop in and find out!

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your future



your neighbourhood plan

What do you want? What do we need? Our priorities...

Development that is right for our communities and protects our countryside

- ❖ Preserve the rural character of our villages

Housing types, medical and care facilities to meet the needs of older residents

- ❖ Help our older residents to continue living in the area that they love best

Genuinely affordable housing for people on lower incomes

- ❖ Provide a range of housing choices to suit different levels of income

Renovation and conversion of vacant/derelict buildings to dwellings and business uses

- ❖ Use every building to meet a need – recycle existing sites before building on green fields

Support local shopping facilities and help local businesses to grow

- ❖ Meet more of our household needs locally

A range of business and employment opportunities that are appropriate to the rural area

- ❖ Revive the local economy, reduce our dependence on the urban area

Public transport that meets the needs of rural people and communities

- ❖ Connect local communities and take people to the places where they want and need to go

Community facilities

- ❖ Indoor and outdoor meeting places, play spaces and sports fields for all ages, allotments ...

Protection for our local green and built heritage assets

- ❖ Celebrate our local heritage; make our walking and cycling routes safer; welcome tourists and visitors

Imagine the future – add *your* ideas into the melting pot!

The logo

The logo shows the outline of the Neighbourhood Area and its three parishes gently cradled in a pair of hands. **Your hands!**

**Neighbourhood
planners who care!**



**your
neighbourhood
plan**

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Exhibit, videos, maps and more
at Whitmore Village Hall

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Drop in with *your* ideas
for the future of
the Neighbourhood Area

Speak up. Act now. Move forward.

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan is a set of policies that say where and how land can be used to develop housing, business and employment premises and community facilities in a local area, and how the environment will be protected. The Plan has **legal status** in the planning system. The local authority must refer to it when deciding planning applications.

Why do we need one?

We need a Plan so that our community can set policies that will enable change and development that both meet our local needs and protect the countryside.

Who is making the Plan?

A group of residents from all three parishes have volunteered to work on the Plan. But the Plan needs the ideas and participation of the whole community. And the finished Plan will need **your** vote in a local Referendum.

Why can't our parish have its own Plan?

The three parishes – Chorlton, Maer & Aston and Whitmore – form a natural group, with Baldwins Gate and its school, shops and other facilities located at the point where the three parishes meet. The combined population of the area is small – 2,468 at the last Census – and the individual parishes would not have the resources to each make their own Plan.

Who is paying for it?

The cost is met by government grants. Our Plan has been awarded funding up to £14,000. This will cover all its expenses. We will also receive a variety of free professional help. The first professional help that we will receive will be to assess the true level of need for new housing in our Neighbourhood Area.

**A Neighbourhood Plan
for neighbourhood people**

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