



Neighbourhood Development Plan

Becoming more sustainable

The Neighbourhood Plan completed its latest 6-week publicity and consultation period, which was organised by the Borough Council, on 4 June. The next stage will be the Independent Examination, which we hope will commence by the beginning of July. The Borough Council has already appointed the Independent Examiner, who is the same person as examined the Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan. His task will be to assess whether the Plan's policies meet the "Basic Conditions" – that is, whether it conforms to national and local strategic policy and with human rights. He can also recommend making modifications to the Plan, if he deems it appropriate.

In time, the Neighbourhood Plan will enable our area to become more sustainable by reducing our dependence on the urban area. A number of the Plan's policies will promote home working and will support the development of small businesses that will provide local employment and self-employment and that will offer a variety of services and facilities to our community.

Internet and mobile access is currently a barrier to operating businesses in the Neighbourhood Area. The Plan's policy on telecommunications and high-speed connectivity will support the growth of local businesses and home working. The policy on business development will support the creation rural business spaces, provided that there will be no significant adverse impact on residential amenity. This could be both by the conversion of existing buildings and by new development. The policy on local heritage will encourage new uses found for disused buildings that contribute to local heritage and character. Such new uses could include community or business uses.

The Plan also makes a number of recommendations to the Parish Councils. One of the recommendations is for the development of social care and other services for older members of the population. Our Neighbourhood Area's proportion of older residents is above average. Access to services is a major issue for those with care and other needs. Expanding community facilities and the development of local sport and exercise facilities is also recommended. And in the area of transport there is a need to work with the Parish Councils of neighbouring areas to define new bus routes that would serve the community's local needs.

News from Woore: The referendum on the Woore Neighbourhood Plan took place on 30 May. The Plan received a 95% "Yes" vote. Congratulations to Woore on the successful completion of their Plan.

It's your neighbourhood – please support the Neighbourhood Plan!

Please turn out to vote in the Local Referendum – apply for a postal vote if you will be away on holiday or business!!!

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