

How is the Neighbourhood Development Plan being produced?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan must be led by the Parish Council, but must involve every member of the community in its development. So, we have set up a Steering Committee consisting of parish councillors and other local residents who volunteered for this, which is overseeing the project and ensuring that everyone has their say.

The Steering Committee members are:

- CLlr William Jackson (Chairman)
- CLlr Alan Bathurst
- CLlr Ken Bemand
- Iain Cholerton
- Hugh Fowler-Wright
- Mike Kimbery
- CLlr Peter Lefroy-Owen
- Peter Stovold
- CLlr Stephanie Wilson

The Committee meets at least monthly; its meetings are open to the public and there is a time set aside for anyone to give their views or ask questions. Dates of meetings are in the Parish Pump and notices are posted on noticeboards in advance.

The Committee has set up a web-page for the Neighbourhood Development Plan which contains all the committee agendas and minutes, information about the project including the budget, and will include all the consultation documentation and draft plans in due course.

Go to www.hfspgroup.org.uk and click on **NDP**.

If you want to be more involved in the Neighbourhood Development Plan, we want to hear from you – we need people to help with practical things such as delivering leaflets and helping at events as well as people to act as focus groups for ideas and initial drafts.

Contact the Clerk to the Council, Philip Brown at clerk@hfspgroup.org.uk or on **01885 400696**.



Humber, Ford and Stoke Prior Neighbourhood Development Plan

Your Community, Your Future

You told us you wanted a Neighbourhood Development Plan. We've been setting up the project and now it's time for you to get involved.

What development does our community need?
Where should new housing be built?

Come and have your say – drop-in at any time on

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| Wednesday 9 April | from 4-9pm | Stoke Prior Village Hall |
| Thursday 10 April | from 4-9pm | Risbury Village Hall |

The focus of the events is a big map of the parish in which you can stick themed flags, marking what matters to you and where. There are also themed boards to pin-up your more detailed comments.

Discuss what should be in the Neighbourhood Development Plan with other members of the community and the NDP Steering Committee.

- **Free afternoon coffee/tea and cakes**
- **Free soft drinks, nibbles and a pay-bar open until late**

Bring the whole family - it's your community and your future!



Our Neighbourhood Development Plan might include issues and policies such as:

- Sites for new homes, including affordable homes
- Design guidance for what new buildings should look like
- Provision for businesses, services and shops to set up or expand
- Expansion or improvement to the school and village halls
- Infrastructure and services, such as utilities and drainage
- Community sites, such as play areas, sports fields
- Protection of local buildings and services such as the pub
- Promotion of renewable energy schemes and projects
- Restricting some types of development

- Drop-in events where residents identify the planning issues and locations which matter to them, on a large-scale map and 'comments' boards (April 2014).
- A questionnaire asking residents of all ages for their views on what planning policies should be in the Plan, including issues which have come out of the Drop-in events (May 2014).
- Drafts of the proposed Plan sent to all households, and consultation events on these (Autumn 2014).
- The Referendum on the agreed and submitted Plan, on which all registered electors have a vote (Spring 2015).

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan: planning policies we set

Last summer all households in Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior had a leaflet delivered personally to them which explained the opportunity to set our own local planning policies – a Neighbourhood Development Plan. People were asked if they wanted the Parish Council to go ahead with this: over two-thirds of households responded, with 94% of these saying 'yes' to doing a Plan.

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan will define how the broad provisions of the Herefordshire Core Strategy planning policy apply to our parishes, including where new homes should go. Planning officers and planning committees will have to follow our Plan's policies in making decisions about our neighbourhood.

The project to produce our Plan is being led by a Steering Committee consisting of parish councillors and other local people. We have set up the project, obtained over £12,000 of grants for it, and aim to submit the Plan early in 2015. The Plan will be based on the views of everyone in our community. Over the next 15 months there will be four activities in which every person in the neighbourhood should be involved:

Your Community, Your Future April 2014 events

These events are your opportunity to be in at the beginning of preparing our Neighbourhood Development Plan. Come and have your say on the issues which matter to you, and discuss these with members of the Steering Committee.

The focus of the Your Community, Your Future events is a large-scale map of the whole neighbourhood on a pin-board, in which you are invited to stick flags saying what you think is needed (or not needed) in specific locations. There are dozens of different flags for every kind of issue, grouped into six themes:

- **Housing**
- **Traffic, transport, access and safety**
- **Community facilities and services**
- **Work, economy and education**
- **Environment, sustainability and historic environment**
- **Leisure and tourism**

There are also boards around the room for each of these themes on which you can pin cards with written comments and ideas.

All comments are given anonymously, and the idea is that everyone can see everyone else's comments and flags.

We want everyone to come to these events to say where they think new housing should go (or not go) and give their views on other important local issues, such as the School, community facilities, design of new developments, or flooding. You can literally flag-up what matters to you and where, and see what matters to everyone else.

Drop in at any time during the event. There is free tea, coffee and cakes (until 6.00pm), and free soft drinks and nibbles. Charlie's Bar will be open from 4.00pm until midnight for the sale of alcohol, so come and make it a community social occasion!

