

SHERFIELD ON LODDON

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - 2015-2029

'Enabling communities to have a greater say'

Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Localism Act (Nov 2011). It is a new way for communities to influence the future planning of the places where they live and work.

Note: the current Neighbourhood Plan initiative does not include neighbourhoods north of the River Loddon, i.e. Stratfield Saye, Stratfield Turgis, Hartley Wespall. The boundary of the area included is shown on the Parish Council web site (see web address later).

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

- **IT** is a plan that **ENABLES** our community (parish) to set out a vision for its future
- **IT** is **DRAWN UP** by local people and will be developed in liaison with the parish council
- **ITS PREPARATION AND APPROVAL** must follow rules and may take at least 18 months
- **IT WILL HAVE LEGAL STATUS**
- **IT FEEDS INTO** the Borough's planning process

WHAT CAN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DO?

IT CAN:

- **IDENTIFY** acceptable sites for new homes and sites to be protected to establish a baseline for the assessment of future developers' proposals
- **RECOMMEND** the height, size, style and maximum number of new homes and buildings
- **ESTABLISH PRIORITIES**
- Help to **ENHANCE AND PROTECT** the local environment
- **SUGGEST IMPROVEMENTS** in facilities in the community

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A WORKING GROUP WILL:

- **CONSULT** with local people through interviews, questionnaires, public meetings and the website:
www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Council/Neighbourhood_Plan.aspx
- **COLLECT** evidence to support proposals
- **EXAMINE AND PROPOSE** possible sites for new housing and sites to be protected

- **PREPARE** draft proposals for further consultation
- **DRAW UP** a Plan for final local consultation
- **SUBMIT** the Neighbourhood Plan to the Borough Council for scrutiny and a referendum.

NB. There will be a separate section within the Plan to cover Taylor's Farm and its own issues that will be drawn up by a sub-group from Taylor's Farm.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED BY:

- **SPEAKING** with members of the working group via the chairman, John Darker on 01256 882334
- **GOING ON LINE** for status reports and news on the Neighbourhood Plan website (above)
- **READING** the regular updates in the 'Loddon Valley Link'
- **LOOKING OUT FOR** information, questionnaires and public meetings

HAVE YOUR SAY:

- **JOIN THE WORKING GROUP** – anyone is welcome - meetings: 7.30pm, 3rd Thursday each month in Sherfield Village Hall

- **COMPLETE AND RETURN** questionnaires
- **ATTEND** Open Public Meeting Sessions to be held in the Village Hall and Community Centre – the more local people the better – see **Stop Press** below.
- **SUBMIT** your views by email to solplanning@yahoo.co.uk or in writing to the Parish Clerk via the post box at Village Hall entrance.
- **VOTE** for the Plan when it is eventually presented for the approval of all Parishioners in a Referendum (but see the exceptions above).

STOP PRESS: Please come to Public Open Sessions in Sherfield Village Hall on Saturday February 8th from 10 am to 12 am or in the Sherfield Park Community Centre on Saturday 15th from 2pm to 4pm. You will see detailed maps of the areas involved and be able to complete questionnaires to capture your views and ask questions about the process.

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