PUBLIC MEETING AND LAUNCH
Saturday 4 July 2015

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Chairman
West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan Council

- Neighbourhood Planning
- National and Horsham District Policies
- Vision for West Chiltington
- Development of land use policies
- Proposal maps
- Other land use policies
- Non land use policies
- Public consultation and representations

- Localism Act 2011
- National Planning Policy Framework
- Horsham District Planning Framework

LOCALISM ACT 2011

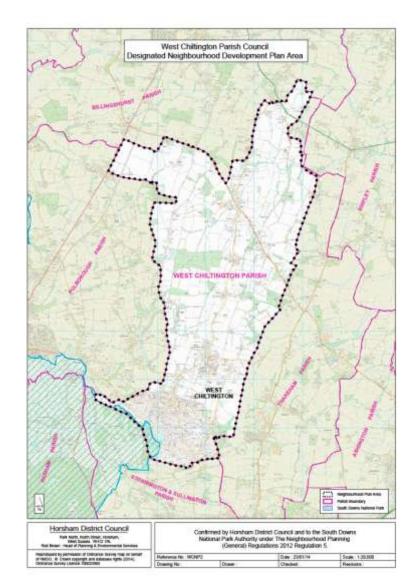
Empowered Parish Councils to" ... initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a local planning authority in England to make a neighbourhood development plan."

LOCALISM ACT 2011

A Neighbourhood (Development) Plan is: "...a plan which sets out policies ... in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan."

LOCALISM ACT 2011

The Neighbourhood Area is the whole Parish of West Chiltington



NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

LOCAL ACTIVITY

Summer 2013 – Neighbourhood Plan Council

Working groups – Housing Needs Survey – Reports and recommendations

Public meetings – Village Show 2014 – Articles

Summer 2015 - Pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan

THE REMAINING STEPS

- Public Consultation
- Submission Plan with supporting documents
- Horsham arranges independent examination
- Final Plan subject to referendum
- Favourable majority and the plan is "made"

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

"Once a Neighbourhood Plan has demonstrated its general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan and is brought into force, the policies it contains take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in the Local Plan for that neighbourhood, where they are in conflict." (Extract Para.185 NPPF 2012.)

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

"Sustainable development" - a planning system with:

- An economic role
- A social role
- An environmental role

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

"Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community.

The ambition of the neighbourhood should be aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan.

Neighbourhood plans and orders should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies."

HORSHAM DISTRICT PLANNING FRAMEWORK

No specific allocations to villages but a total of 1500 homes is included to be allocated in Neighbourhood Plans across the Horsham District.

HORSHAM DISTRICT PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Manage development around the edges of existing settlements in order to prevent the merging of settlements

and to protect the rural character and landscape;

HORSHAM DISTRICT PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Outside built-up area boundaries, the expansion of settlements will be supported where:

- a. site is allocated in the Local Plan or in a Neighbourhood Plan and adjoins an existing settlement edge.
- b. the level of expansion is appropriate to the scale and function of the settlement type.
- c. the development meets the identified local housing needs and employment needs or will assist the retention and enhancement of community facilities and services.
- d. the impact of the development individually or cumulatively does not prejudice comprehensive long term development, in order not to conflict with the development strategy; and
- e. the development is contained within an existing defensible boundary and the landscape and townscape character features are maintained and enhanced.

THE VISION FOR WEST CHILTINGTON

"To ensure that the special, attractive and valued characteristics of the village and parish area, including their rural feel, historic buildings, low density construction, relative tranquillity, gardens, wildlife and relationship with the surrounding countryside, are protected and enhanced, while at the same time recognising that change is inevitable and can be desirable when there is positive planning to support appropriate sustainable development."

DEVELOPMENT OF LAND USE POLICIES

- Housing Needs Survey 2014
- Site identification
- Site assessment
- Proposals

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

- 1586 households 695 responses
- Very good response rate 43.8%
- 64.1% support for small developments that met a local need
- 32 households in need of affordable housing

PLANNING PRACTICE GUIDANCE

What evidence is needed to support a neighbourhood plan or Order?

"Proportionate, robust evidence should support the choices made and the approach taken." (PPG – Neighbourhood Planning #40)

Can a neighbourhood plan allocate sites for development?

A neighbourhood plan can allocate sites for development. A qualifying body should carry out an appraisal of options and an assessment of individual sites against clearly identified criteria. (PPG – Neighbourhood Planning #42)

Should the assessment be constrained by the need for development?

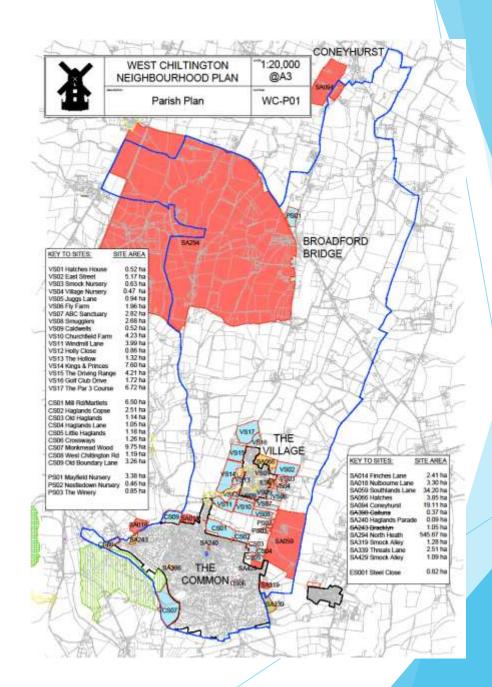
The assessment should identify all sites and broad locations regardless of the amount of development needed to provide an audit of available land. (PPG – Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment - #09)

SITE IDENTIFICATION

- SHLAA
- Landscape Capacity Assessment
- Horsham's call for sites
- Local questionnaire
- Desk top review
- 40 sites identified

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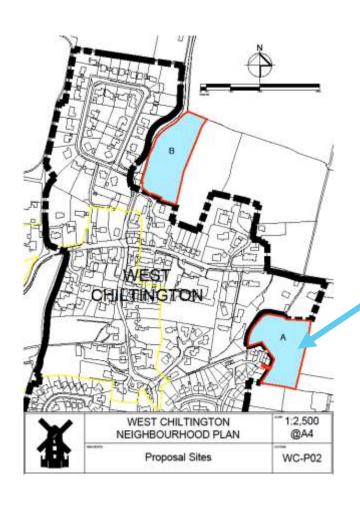
SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Biodiversity
- Landscape
- Heritage
- Flood Risk
- Transport
- Infrastructure
- Impact on residents

SITE ASSESSMENT (CONTINUED)

- Comparison
- Peer review
- Elimination of non qualifying sites
- Assessment of availability of short listed sites
- Recommendations for NPC approval
- NPC and Parish Council allocation

PROPOSAL MAPS



A STEELE CLOSE

15 Affordable homes developed by a Housing Association and allocated by Horsham District Council

A planning application is imminent

PROPOSAL MAPS



B HATCHES ESTATE

15 homes of which 5 will be affordable on land owned by West Sussex County Council

A longer term project (6-10 years) because of TPOs, access, landscape and topographical issues that will need to be resolved

OTHER LAND USE POLICIES

- Business development no suitable land at present
- Giving priority in the allocation of affordable housing to local people
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Monkmead Woods, recreation ground, the allotments and the separation zone between The Common and The Village with its network of footpaths and bridleways
- No proposals that affect heritage assets
- Using Community Infrastructure Levy for community purposes eg enhancing facilities for children and young people

NON-LAND USE POLICIES (Non-Statutory)

- Integrate transport policies of Storrington, Pulborough and West Chiltington
- Maintaining footpaths and bridleways to encourage walking and cycling
- Improve public transport
- Respect difficult road infrastructure
- Universal high speed broadband coverage
- Improve emergency planning

NON-LAND USE POLICIES (Non-Statutory)

- Improve facilities for children and young people
- Improve shared engagement for very old and disabled
- Explore options to improve access to medical services
- Keep abreast of mineral extraction activities eg Broadford Bridge

REPRESENTATIONS

- Copy of pre-submission plan
- All documents on www.wchilt-parishcouncil.org.uk
- Use the Response Form
- Do fill in the personal details
- Return to Parish Office in person or by email wcnpconsultation@gmail.com
- Place in ballot box in Post Office, NISA and Village Hall
- This is not a negotiation no immediate response
- Genuine questions are OK and will be responded to

REPRESENTATIONS

- Please do let us know what you think
- All responses must be received by Monday 31 August 2015
- THANK YOU

QUESTIONS