

St Ippolyts

Neighbourhood Plan

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- A **community led plan** that relates to use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues.
- It may contain a vision, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities or allocation of key sites.
- It may deal with wide range of issues like employment, heritage, housing and transport or it may focus on one or two issues that are of particular interest to our parish.
- A neighbourhood plan has to be in general conformity with North Hertfordshire District Council's local plan and cannot be used to prevent development.

Following consultation, an examination and a successful referendum a neighbourhood plan will become part of the statutory development plan.

What are the advantages of having one?

- Engagement with wider community to ensure the plan genuinely represents the range of needs and aspirations in our parish.
- Focused on the needs of our parish and would allow us to specify in more detail what we expect from development for example, could contain more detail on things like design and landscaping, good mix of housing types, protection of green space, transport, new facilities and services.
- Community representatives write the plan or ask others to write the plan, but under local control.
- The plan will have statutory status, giving us more influence and control over development in our parish

What is a Neighbourhood Area?

A neighbourhood area is the geographical area that a neighbourhood plan covers. The neighbourhood area must be designated by the local planning authority.

Who can prepare Neighbourhood Plans?

- Either a town or parish council or by a neighbourhood forum.
- St Ippolyts Parish Council at Monday 10 November meeting agreed our neighbourhood area will be the same as the whole of the civil parish of St Ippolyts and to make an application to NHDC.
- **If application is successful we will be looking for people who would like to be involved in this interesting Project, being part of Steering Group (a committee of the parish council) being part of Working Groups on subjects chosen by local people, coming up with ideas, delivering leaflets etc.**

Further info on websites: www.locality.org.uk www.cpre.org.uk www.rtpi.org.uk
www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk www.mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning