Earls Colne Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting 24th October 2018

Welcome





Agenda

- Introduction John Bendall / Tony Calton (Earls Colne Parish Council)
- Neighbourhood Plan Overview Jan Stobart (RCCE)
- Parish Council Outline Proposals Tony Calton
 - Organising resources
 - Key stages of the process
 - Suggested task groups
- Where do we go from here? All
- Close John Bendall



Neighbourhood Plan Overview

Jan Stobart – Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE)





What is a Neighbourhood Plan?



Neighbourhood Plan

- A new type of Community Led Plan;
- Assesses land use and infrastructure;
- Sets out policy on the development and use of land;
- Becomes a development plan document.



BDC Local Development Plan

- Section 1 site allocations;
- Section 2 development management policies;
- 5 year supply and speculative applications;
- Relationship between LDP and NP



The contents

- A vision
- Planning objectives;
- Policies against which planning applications can be judged;
- Site specific policies;
- Key neighbourhood projects and infrastructure priorities.



The rules

- General conformity with local authority development plan;
- Has regard to national policy and EU regulations;
- Can propose more development but not less than higher level plans.



Statutory Requirements

- Approval of the 'area' and 'body';
- Statutory Consultation;
- Submission to Local Authority;
- Independent Examination;
- Referendum.



The Process

- Getting started;
- Getting organised;
- Preparing an evidence base;
- Drafting policies and proposals;
- Finalising your plan.



Evidence

- BDC Local Plan evidence;
- Local audits;
- Commissioned studies;
- Opinion and aspirations.



Support

- Grants;
- Planning Consultants;
- Braintree District Council;
- RCCE;
- Network of communities.



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Outline Proposals

Tony Calton – Earls Colne Parish Council





Why should we produce a Neighbourhood Plan?

- We are all aware there is increasing pressure from central government to build more and more new houses.
- We need greater influence on the location and nature of future developments in our village.
- We need to have a say on the expansion of local services (education, health and recreation) to adequately serve a significantly increased population.



Organisation

Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee

- Qualifying body responsible for the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Financial control, and ensuring adherence to statutory requirements
- Made up of 3 or 4 members of the Parish Council



Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

- Preparing timelines, budgets and funding proposals.
- Co-ordinating evidence gathering and preparation of the draft plan.
- Made up of representation from Parish Council plus local residents.
 (around 8 to 10 people in total)



Task Groups

- To undertake the gathering of evidence and developing proposals related to specific aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Size, formation and expertise of each group to be agreed dependant on the actual tasks to be undertaken



Key Stages of the Process

- Create a timeline for the process
- Determine local skills, expertise and training needs
- Prepare a budget
- Secure funding
- Review existing plans and strategies for the area
- · Establish focus of attention for evidence gathering

- · Draft a vision & objectives for the area
- Feedback & further community involvement
- Assess impact of options
- Choose preferred options and proposals
- Check conformity with strategic policies in development plan
- Consult on proposals

Getting Started



Getting Organised



Preparing the Evidence Base



Drafting Proposals



Finalising the Plan

- Get the community on board
- Establish the Steering Group
- Define the Neighbourhood Area and seek approval

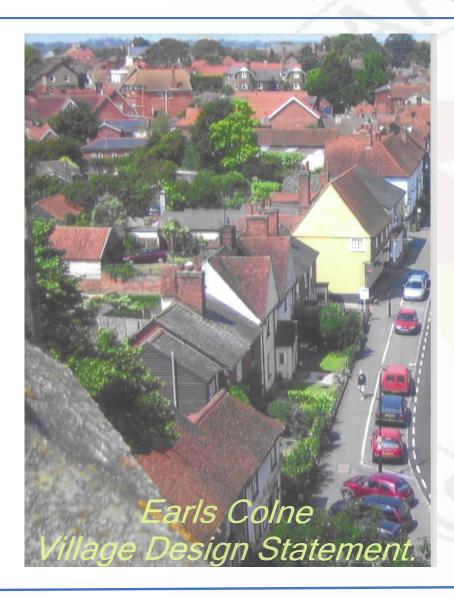
- Create a profile of our community
- Audit existing infrastructure
- Carry out surveys & needs assessments
- Summarise findings & consider how to tackle the issues

- Fine tune plan
- Agree monitoring, evaluation and review
- Prepare final NP Document
- Consult on proposals
- Submit proposals for evaluation
- Independent Examination
- Referendum
- Adoption

Suggested duration 18 to 24 months



Earls Colne Village Design Statement



- A 36 page document completed in 2006
- Research included conducting a workshop and circulating a questionnaire and other consultations with village residents
- Will provide useful background information for the neighbourhood Plan
- Many of the findings are still current and relevant today

Task Groups

Task Group	Examples of Evidence to be Collected	Key Outputs
Housing	 Population, trends and projections Current housing stock, future needs and affordability Existing housing & development policies & strategies Site availability 	 Future development opportunities Assessment of potential sites available
Environment	 Public open spaces and how they are used Landscape, flood plains and local drainage Existing environment and climate change policies 	 Development constraints Protection of open spaces and trees within built environment Capacity for carbon reduction and local energy generation
Economy	 Local employment & skills Commuting patterns Different classes of existing local businesses 	 Identification of local business and retail sites Opportunities and barriers for new businesses
Community Facilities	 Existing education, health, sport and recreational sites and buildings 	 Impact of changing demographics and new development on the delivery of community services Need for additional or different buildings/sites to enable continued delivery
Getting Around (Infrastructure)	 Transport (footpaths, cycleways, footways and roads) Car ownership, traffic flows and congestion 	Impact of new developments on transport infrastructure



Where do we go from here?

- Formation of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Task Groups
 - Cannot be undertaken by the Parish Council alone.
 - Development of the NP is dependant on a good level of response from members of the local community who are prepared to become actively involved in the process.
- Opportunity this evening to confirm your participation.
- Should you subsequently wish to register your interest in participating please contact the Parish Clerk (224370) before the end of November at the latest.
- If you require any further information before making a decision please contact Tony Calton or Ian Morton- Smith via the Parish Clerk
- It is planned that a decision to proceed or not with the NP will be made at the Parish Council meeting on 19th December 2018



Thank you for your attention

Any further questions?

