

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population, trends and projections Current housing stock, future needs and affordability Existing housing & development policies & strategies Site availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future development opportunities Assessment of potential sites available
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public open spaces and how they are used Landscape, flood plains and local drainage Existing environment and climate change policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development constraints Protection of open spaces and trees within built environment Capacity for carbon reduction and local energy generation
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local employment & skills Commuting patterns Different classes of existing local businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of local business and retail sites Opportunities and barriers for new businesses
Community Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing education, health, sport and recreational sites and buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport (footpaths, cycleways, footways and roads) Car ownership, traffic flows and congestion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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?

