

# A Neighbourhood Plan for Aylesbeare

Under the Localism Act of 2011 the government is encouraging towns, villages and parishes to put forward community-led plans, which are evidence-based, so that the community may have a say in future development of their Parish. To create a Neighbourhood Plan requires a great deal of work done in a professional manner but, once adopted, the plan will hold considerable weight in determining planning applications.

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It enables communities to take the lead in their own neighbourhoods.
- A Neighbourhood Plan is about the use and development of land and may contain a vision, aims, planning policies and proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities.
- A Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the statutory development plan for the area if successful at referendum.
- The Neighbourhood Plan must comply with European and national legislation (i.e. the National Planning Policy Framework) and be in general conformity with existing strategic local planning policy.
- The timeframe for a Neighbourhood Plan will be for the community to decide and can be for 5, 10, 15 or 20 years.
- Whilst the Local Plan covers the whole district a Neighbourhood Plan would be focused on the needs of the neighbourhood.
- Currently funding is available via EDDC for the use of consultants where appropriate.
- A Neighbourhood Plan, once completed, will be submitted to the local authority and subjected to an independent examination to make sure the proper legal process has been followed.
- A Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to a public referendum.

At the Parish Council meeting on 8 October it was agreed that the Parish Council would embark on the route towards creating a Neighbourhood Plan by forming a steering group made up of local people who have an interest in how Aylesbeare is developed and changed in the future.

**If you would like to be part of this Steering Group please contact Lynn Parker (Parish Clerk) at 01395 232216 or email [lynn.m.parker@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.m.parker@gmail.com).**

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