

# Neighbourhood Planning

## Beaundesert and Henley in Arden



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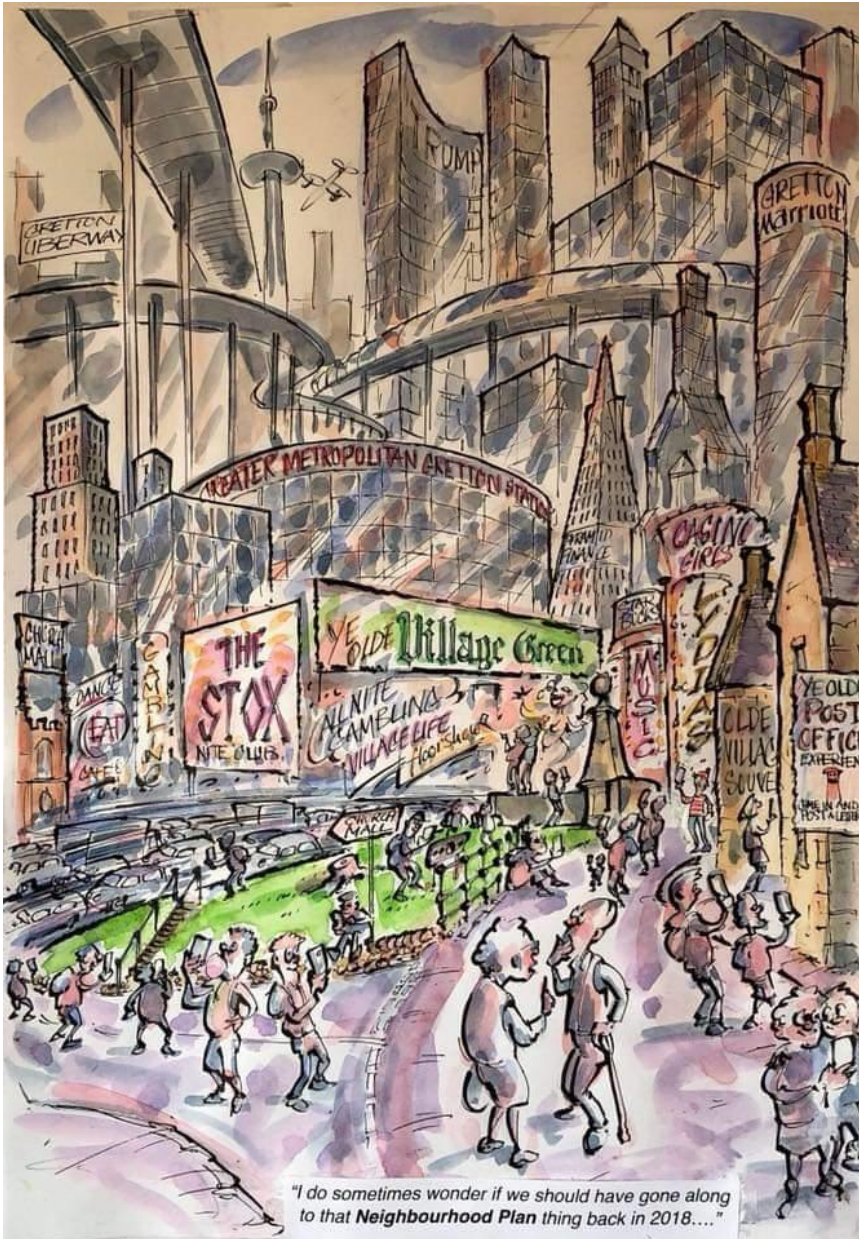


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- *Yourlocale* – NP consultancy
- Gary Kirk – Neighbourhood Planning Examiner; former Parish Councillor.
- Range of Associates.
- Supported 76 NPs through Examination Working with a further 26 parishes across the East Midlands
- Saddington NP shortlisted in the national planning awards for best NP
- Great Glen only 2<sup>nd</sup> NP in the Country to be reviewed.
- Currently working on 12 reviews, plus 4 which have been Made.





# Life without neighbourhood plans ...





# What is Neighbourhood Planning?



- Transfer of planning powers to communities
- Part of Localism Agenda
- Simplification – current system remote and complex
- Opportunity for local people to shape and determine planning policy.
- Involves drafting detailed planning policies.
- Statutory basis. Sits alongside Local Plan
- Different from a Parish Plan
- Wide ranging – strategic compliance with local/national policies. Adds local detail.
- Covers issues such as housing; environment; economy; infrastructure
- Funding available - up to £18,000 grants available



# Why do it?



- Without an NP – vulnerability to speculative development
- The more Parishes that have an NP, the more risk others face
- Reduced requirement on 5-year land supply
- Adds layers of protection against inappropriate development
- Puts the local community in control
- Planning policies to reflect localised need
- It works ... but not to be taken lightly!
- Statutory document ....



# National Planning Policy Framework



- ‘Where a planning application conflicts with an up-to-date neighbourhood plan, permission should not usually be granted’.
- ‘... the adverse impact of allowing development that conflicts with the neighbourhood plan is likely to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits...’.



# Power of neighbourhood plans



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14 May 2021

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BY EMAIL ONLY TO

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Dear Ms Dutton

Outline Planning Application Ref: 19/01243/OUT

PINS Ref: APP/K2420/W/20/3261386

Land at Ashfield Farm, Kirkby Road, Desford, LEICESTER, LE9 9JX

I write to you further to the above referenced appeal. The appeal was originally to be

- Letter from developer withdrawing appeal after NP Made.

Following the positive referendum result, the Appellant has been notified that Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has decided to formally 'make' the Desford Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the development plan for Hinckley and Bosworth and the policies in the plan will now be given full weight when assessing planning applications and appeals in the neighbourhood area.

The implications of this changing position for this appeal are such that the Appellant wishes to **withdraw the above appeal with immediate effect.**

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# Challenges



- Takes a long while. People can drop out along the way
- Needs robust internal procedures (web site; file sharing etc)
- Role of Clerk/Group Secretary – outside the scope of grant funding
- Frustrations as applications submitted before the Plan is finalised.
- Can cause tensions.





# The process ..... Up to 24 months...



- Getting started
  - Area designation – already achieved
  - Establish Advisory Committee
  - Funding bids
  - Consultation – Open Event?
  - Gathering socio economic data/studies
  - Review vision?
- Capturing the detail
  - Theme Groups/Group discussions to drill down into the detail
  - Gathering evidence
  - Revising the policies/adding new ones
  - Further consultation with community
- Putting it all together
  - Writing the Plan
  - ‘Regulation 14’ consultation
- Submitting and finalising the Neighbourhood Plan
  - Further consultation from SDC
  - Independent Examination
  - Referendum
  - Plan ‘Made’. Statutory force



# Primary issues for the Joint Parish



- New Local Plan
- Housing and economic growth agenda
- Green Belt Review



# Beaudesert and Henley Indicative Neighbourhood Plan Review Programme (May 2024).

(Note – indicative only. Site selection process likely to take longer ....)



	2024						2025												2026			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
<b>Funding bids</b> (Locality )																						
<b>Promoting the plan</b> (Regular linked to events)																						
<b>Agree broad vision</b> (Develop vision statement)																						
<b>Identify stakeholders</b> (Contact Community Groups businesses, land owners, etc.)																						
<b>Build evidence base</b> (Socio economic profile, housing need, Census info)																						
<b>Consultation events</b> (At each settlement, at start and end of process)																						
<b>Develop strategy/policy</b> (Analyse consultation and identify sites/appraise)																						
<b>Writing the Plan</b> (Write plan and amend after formal consultation)																						
<b>Approvals</b> (AC and JPC)																						
<b>SEA Screening</b>																						
<b>Pre-submission consultation</b> (6 weeks)																						
<b>Submission to LPA</b> (Point at which NP secures a degree of statutory weight)																						
<b>Examination</b>																						
<b>Referendum</b>																						





Thank you!



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