


# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR SHEARSBY

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**"Voting NO for a Neighbourhood Plan does not mean a vote for no development. It means a vote for NO CONTROL over development"**

Nick Bowles  
Former Planning Minister  
2013

### What is involved?

Once a decision is taken to create a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council must be formally designated as a Qualifying Body.

Consultation needs to take place with local people through activities such as drop-in events and questionnaires.

Other evidence will be gathered about what policies are needed, and the Neighbourhood Plan will take shape.

Policies will be written and further consultation will take place.

The draft Plan will be submitted to Harborough District Council to confirm that it conforms to their strategic policies.



Planning has tended to exclude, rather than to include, people and communities.


Planning policy itself has become so elaborate and forbidding – the preserve of specialists, rather than people in communities. We are allowing people and communities back into planning.

R Hon Greg Clark MP  
National Planning Policy Framework (2012)  
(now Secretary of State DCLG)

### Why do it?


The Neighbourhood Plan will cover planning issues in areas such as housing; environment; community facilities; heritage; shops and businesses; highways and leisure.

It adds local detail to broader planning policy and can say what open spaces are protected; what type of new housing is built, where, and what it looks like and what new facilities are needed locally.



**"We are clear that local people – and local authorities – must be at the heart of planning. The Localism Act has put the power to plan back in the hands of communities, but with this power comes responsibility: a responsibility to meet their needs for development and growth, and to deal quickly and effectively with proposals that will deliver homes, jobs and facilities."**

Eric Pickles  
Secretary of State, 2012



Government Ministers believe it "should be the bedrock of the 'strategic planning system' and future planning system" and urged communities to get involved.

Steve Quartermain  
Chief Planning Officer  
DCLG

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Part of the Government's localism agenda

Simplification of a remote and complex planning system

An opportunity for local people to directly shape and influence planning policy on matters that affect them

Involves drafting planning policies that become part of the decision making process

Through Neighbourhood Planning, the Government is supporting people who care about their communities and want to get involved in improving them. For the first time, residents and businesses can produce Neighbourhood Plans that have real statutory weight in the planning system.

It is important that communities have confidence that positively prepared Neighbourhood Plans, once made, should be applied as an effective means to shape and direct development in the area, for example to ensure that the best located sites are developed.

Therefore the Government's view is that the adverse impact of allowing development that conflicts with key policies in a Neighbourhood Plan is likely to be substantial. This should be taken into account by decision makers even where the local planning authority cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of housing land.

Government consultation on Planning, July 2014

The Plan will be subject to an Independent Examination to test compliance with what is known as 'basic conditions' – primarily conformity with local and national planning policy.

Once the Plan passes the examination, there will be a referendum involving everyone on the electoral register in the Parish.

If the referendum passes a 'yes' vote with a simple majority, the Plan is 'Made' and becomes part of the statutory decision making process for planning applications.



### What can't it do?

The Neighbourhood Plan can't be used to block all development, but it can include policies to say where new development should take place and what type of housing is needed.

The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be in general conformity with strategic elements of local and national planning policies.

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North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan 2015 - 2031

Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan 2015 - 2031

Great Glen Parish Council Draft Neighbourhood Plan 2015 - 2031

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