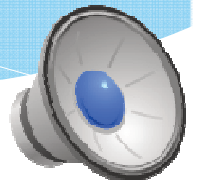


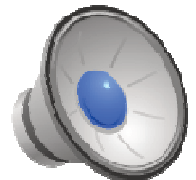
Hexham Neighbourhood Plan

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- * Development Plan for the area – Statutory Planning document
- * All planning proposals will need to comply with policies in the NP
- * Written by the community, for the community
- * Allocates sites for development, and sites to be protected
- * State what type of development will be appropriate, and where
- * Specific policies on design, design briefs for new development, criteria based policies



Parameters

- * The Neighbourhood Plan **MUST** be in general conformity with NPPF and strategic plans (NCC Core Strategy)
- * The Neighbourhood Plan **CANNOT** decide on Green Belt release or allocation
- * The Neighbourhood Plan **CANNOT** decide on housing numbers for Hexham
- * The Neighbourhood Plan **CANNOT** decide on Strategic matters (i.e. minerals and waste, fracking, new roads etc.)
- * The Neighbourhood Plan can **ONLY** focus on land use planning matters (other matters to be dealt with through Town Plan e.g. public transport, litter, highways matters)
- * The Neighbourhood Plan **MUST** be supported by **EVIDENCE**

Process...

- * Initial consultation with community
- * Development of Vision and Objectives (this is the stage we are at now)
- * Development of specific Policy Areas, Site Allocations, and Community Proposals
- * Draft Plan for formal consultation
- * Examination of the NP by a Planning Inspector
- * Referendum
- * Plan is 'made' and becomes the Statutory Development Plan for the area

Where are we at now?

- * We have a draft Vision for Hexham NP
- * We have 5 draft objectives
- * We have identified potential policy areas within those objectives

BUT:

- * Is the vision right?
- * Are the objectives right?
- * Are there enough potential policy areas?
- * Are there other objectives/policy areas that have been missed? Have the right policy areas been identified? Are there site specific proposals that you would like to see included...

What can you do?

* **Get involved!**

- * Make sure the plan represents the aspirations of your organisation
- * Help us with evidence gathering if you can
- * Respond to consultations
- * Keep an eye on the NP website:
www.hexhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk
- * Sign up to the mailing list
- * Come to the Forum meetings: next Neighbourhood Plan forum meeting is Wednesday 15th July at the Great Hall, Hexham Abbey, at 7:00pm.