



Bishop's Itchington

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Work is ongoing with Bishops Itchington developing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

What is neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act of 2011.

Neighbourhood planning is not a legal requirement, but a right which communities in England can choose to use – Bishops Itchington has chosen to do so.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) establishes a vision and planning policies for its area, as well as proposals for the future development and use of land. The policies will be a significant consideration when Stratford District Council makes decisions on planning applications that fall within the plan's geographic area.

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. This is because unlike the parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the Local Plan prepared by the local planning authority. Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the local plan and the Neighbourhood Plan, and any other material considerations.

Where are we now?

Some of you will remember the village survey conducted back in 2016 – this formed the basis of a draft Plan which has subsequently been presented to Stratford District Council for review. Part of the regulatory process with developing a Neighbourhood Plan is that everyone living or working within the designated area has to be consulted on the Plan and we are now at this stage - it has been passed for the pre-submission consultation, Regulation 14 stage.

A copy of the Plan for you to review can be found on the Parish Council website – select “The Parish Council” tab, then click on the “Neighbourhood Plan” tab - a copy of the Plan can be found here. If you don't have internet access and you wish to see a copy, please phone the PC office (01926 613902) and request a hard copy – we will deliver one to you.

If you have any comments or questions, there is also a “Comments Form” on the website – please use this to correspond. The PC will not be responding to questions individually as and when they are raised – all comments will be collated and followed

up at the end of the consultation. Similarly, please request a hard copy Comments Form if required.

The public consultation will run for 6 weeks from 1st February 2021.

In normal times, there would be some form of public meeting or workshop where the public can engage with councillors regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, however, this will not now be possible. Instead, and for any interested residents, we plan to hold a public Zoom meeting, most likely towards the end of February – please keep an eye on the local FB pages and the PC noticeboard for further news of this.

The Parish Council thanks you for your attention.