

Highcliffe and Walkford's Neighbourhood Plan

Welcome

What we hope to cover today...

- Fire exits announcement
- Sign-in book (used for record of today and future contacts)
- Photography at this event (as a public record)
- Outline of the session and your chance to participate
 - Introduction (20 minutes)
 - Workshop table (4 rotations) (4 x 10 minutes)
 - REFRESHMENT BREAK* (10 minutes)
 - Workshops table (final chance) (10 minutes)
 - Key points (facilitator summing up) (20 minutes)
 - Priorities – post it notes (2 only) (5 minutes)
 - Conclusions and next steps (10 minutes)
- Keeping to time (aim to finish 5pm)
- Any feedback welcomed

Introduction

The background is a light green gradient with a pattern of faint, overlapping hexagons and lines, creating a subtle geometric texture.

A neighbourhood plan....

- Is a document drawn up by the **local community**, led by the Town or Parish Council or (if there is no local Council) a Neighbourhood Planning Forum
- Sets the **planning policies** and sits **alongside the Local Plan** – providing the “rules” that govern whether planning permission is granted or refused
 - Has to be **in general conformity** with the **strategic policies** in the adopted Local Plan, and have **due regard** to **national planning policy**
 - What you cover in your plan is up to you - it does not need to duplicate or cover everything in the Local Plan
- Must be **consulted** on (minimum 6 weeks) then is independently **examined** before being **voted** on by local residents through a referendum

Making a difference...



- The main influence of your plan will be on planning decisions made on applications
- It can't change everything – strategic decisions, existing consents, permitted development rights, better bus services, more doctors...
- It can be a catalyst for community projects – and there may be some funding (community infrastructure levy)

What has happened so far....



- Neighbourhood Area has been designated
- Steering Group set up
- Grant funding support obtained for this financial year
- Planning consultancy support obtained
- Website set up
<https://www.highcliffewalkfordplan.org.uk/>
- This is the first consultation...

Our area...

Total population (2011): 12,681

Total housing (2011): 6,636

Total area: 639 hectares (2.5 square miles)



What is scoping?

- Thinking about what could usefully be covered by neighbourhood plan policies or proposals
- Helps to focus our work effectively
- ***We want your initial thoughts on:***
 - Development needs - what and where...
 - Housing
 - Retail / Highcliffe Centre
 - Tourism and Industry
 - Community Facilities – health, education, leisure...
 - Green Spaces and our Beaches
 - Sustainable Transport, Traffic & Mobility
 - General Design & Sustainability

“Yellow cards”

Some points may fall outside the scope of our Neighbourhood Plan...

- Stopping development that is allowed:
 - Strategic allocations in the Local Plan
 - Decisions already made (eg Roeshot development)
 - Permitted development rights
- Major / strategic infrastructure (eg new roads or healthcare) – a matter for the Local Plan
- Overly detailed or unreasonable requirements (flexibility, viability and overlap with other legislation)
- Locally controversial matters (splitting the vote)

Workshop sessions

How this works

**Tables of up to 8 people
(maximum) please!**

*You will have the chance to
input on 5 of the 7 topics...*

- What is important for our Plan?
 - topic workshop #1 (10 minutes each)
 - topic workshop #2
 - topic workshop #3
 - topic workshop #4
- Coffee break
 - topic workshop #5
- Feedback from topics (facilitators)
- Final session: prioritising (post-it notes)
- Next steps...



7 topic tables:

- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Retail / Highcliffe Centre
- ✓ Tourism and Industry
- ✓ Community Facilities
- ✓ Green Spaces
- ✓ Transport & Mobility
- ✓ Design & Sustainability





Key learning points from today...

(main observations from the facilitators)

Topics:

- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Retail / Highcliffe Centre
- ✓ Tourism and Industry
- ✓ Community Facilities
- ✓ Green Spaces
- ✓ Transport & Mobility
- ✓ Design & Sustainability

Final task: using one or two post it notes:

- Your top two priorities for our Neighbourhood Plan

What happens next?

Neighbourhood plan stages

- Agree to prepare Neighbourhood Plan for the area and set up a steering group
- **Decide on scope of the plan << we are here**
- Gather evidence on the main issues identified
 - What evidence do we need to collect?
 - What sort of policies could help?
- *Identify and consult on options (if relevant)*
- Draw up the plan, and consult on the draft
- Submission (send plan & evidence to BCP Council)
- Examination (independent assessment)
- Referendum

Thank you for attending

- How to keep informed
 - Email contact (please sign the sheet if you wish to be on our contacts database or to volunteer)
 - Website

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*Next year (early 2020) –
please watch out for Neighbourhood Plan surveys
in the Highcliffe Herald / Highcliffe Eye*