

Clifford Chambers & Milcote



Neighbourhood Plan

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Why have a Neighbourhood Plan?



What will it achieve?

- A Neighbourhood Plan allows us to directly influence how Clifford Chambers & Milcote will develop for years to come.
- Unlike a Parish Plan, it has “statutory status” and Stratford District Council will be legally required to take its recommendations into account as part of the district planning



What can it cover?

- It's not just about housing and other building development in the Parish (although that is obviously a major issue for many of us)
- It can address anything to do with the Parish that is of concern to its residents, organisations and businesses such as....
 - traffic, parking, shops, social facilities, green spaces, healthcare, jobs etc.



How much influence can it have?

Take the case of housing.....

- The Stratford District Council “Core Strategy” sets out the strategic vision for the area, including how many houses will need to be built
- The Neighbourhood Plan can dictate:
 - where these houses should be built
 - what type of houses are allowed (affordable; 2 bed etc)
 - what design considerations should be applied (energy efficiency; style; garden size etc)



Is it catching on?

- There are already about 1000 Neighbourhood Plans being produced throughout England
- Typically these cover the area of a Parish, but can be larger or smaller
- They started to be developed in 2012 and take about 2 years to complete
- The first few are just gaining approval and are already starting to influence planning decisions



Steps taken so far



Decision taken to proceed

- Parish Council convened a meeting in Village Hall in July 2015
- Over 65 residents came along to listen to the merits of a Parish Plan versus a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Overwhelming vote in favour of progressing with a Neighbourhood Plan
- Parish Council resolved to set up a separate team to develop the Neighbourhood Plan



What's already happened

- A Steering Group has been created, comprising local residents and Councillors, who form the nucleus of the team to produce a Neighbourhood Plan with input from the community.
- The area for which the Neighbourhood Plan will apply has been agreed to be the same as the Parish boundary
- Stratford District Council has approved the Parish as the designated area for the purpose of creating a Neighbourhood Plan



What's already happened (cont'd)

- The Steering Group has:
 - manned a stand at the Clifford's Apple Day to create awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan and start the community consultation process
 - Set up three Community Focus Group Meetings to seek the views of the community
 - At the request of the Parish Council distributed a Housing Needs Survey questionnaire, the data from which will assist in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan
- The Parish Council has secured the initial tranche of funding from Central Government for the Neighbourhood Plan production



Next steps

- The creation of a dedicated website for the Plan to assist communications between the Steering Group and the community
- Analyse community inputs received during the Community Focus Group Meetings
- Commence detailed work on preparing a formal questionnaire based on the feedback gained from all the community contact sessions plus input from the 2002 Parish Appraisal and data from the Housing Needs Survey.



The questionnaire

- Issue the questionnaire to all relevant parts of community
- Encourage all residents, local organisations and businesses to complete the questionnaire
- Analyse the feedback from the questionnaire
- Prepare a report on the key findings



Develop feedback

- Identify themes, aims, vision and options based on the outcome of the questionnaire
- Prepare policies and proposals
- Draft report on proposals
- Seek views of Parish Council and the community on what is being advocated
- Update report based on feedback



Submit report

- Submit revised report to Stratford District Council
- Respond to any gaps identified by SDC (e.g. Strategic Environmental Assessment)
- Send report to Gov't Inspector to assess “soundness”
- Undertake community-wide referendum
- Look to achieve above 50% “yes” of votes cast for the Neighbourhood Plan to be “Made”.

