



WISBOROUGH GREEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Your Neighbourhood Plan Review team of 7 voluntary members (3 residents, 3 Parish Councillors and the PC Clerk) has begun the task of identifying what action needs to be undertaken for this review.

First of all, can we say a big **THANK YOU** to all Wisborough Green residents who responded to the Housing Needs Survey which has given us a clear indication of what future housing is required. It is reassuring that the results also support the evidence from our previous consultations that smaller, multi-use units, appropriate for down sizers, small families, couples, single residents and first-time buyers wishing to take the first step on the housing ladder, are what Wisborough Green needs within the village.

You may already be aware that due to a housing shortfall in the Chichester District Council (CDC) Local Plan (also under review), the villages of Loxwood and Wisborough Green have been given a further housing allocation. Our village has been allocated 25 more homes to be provided by 2035, Loxwood 125 more homes. We may not want our little rural villages to change in character by increasing in size but this is not within our control. It will happen but, with an updated Neighbourhood Plan, at least we will have some influence over the siting and design.

Potential Development Sites: Our next step is a call for sites for consideration and assessment. CDC has already been notified of some possible development sites but if you have land that you think has development potential in and around the village, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Louise Davies, on 701102 or clerk@wisboroughgreenpc.org. All potential sites will undergo a rigorous and objective assessment for suitability against agreed set criteria prior to selection for consultation. The cut-off date for sites to be considered is **31st March 2019**.

OTHER STEPS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Timeline: we have written and agreed a timetable for this Neighbourhood Plan review process to coincide with, and sit alongside, the Local Plan review. This is a working document that will be constantly updated.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy Review: these policies have proved successful in protecting the village but are now being further improved, strengthened and updated where necessary.

Housing Allocation Policy: is being prepared in conjunction with the Wisborough Green Trust, a Community Land Trust being formed to work with Housing Associations to provide affordable homes management within the new village developments. The policy aims to promote priority for local residents in need of affordable housing.

Community Action Plan: is being updated as some projects are already completed, such as the new Information Point in the old telephone box and new Community Notice Boards, some are underway in conjunction with CDC and Highways, and there will no doubt be some new projects to add.

Lastly, **BE PREPARED TO GET INVOLVED**. We need you **ALL** to attend the Public Consultation event later this year which will be held to underpin and provide evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan review process and updated Neighbourhood Plan. We will be actively seeking your ideas and opinions about shaping the future of Wisborough Green. More information to follow - watch this space !

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