

# Rawdon Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group

## Who are we?

- Rawdon PC established Nov 2012 in response to Localism Act 2011
- Most local tier of government
- Elected volunteers supported by 1 employee
- Designated Body for delivering the NP

## What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

- Focussed on the parish of Rawdon
- Community led
- Creates binding planning rules specific to Rawdon
- Complies with NPPF & LDF
- Evidence based
- 2 -3 year process

## What can't the NP do?

- Stop development
- Reduce housing targets

## What can the NP do?

- Can determine what goes where and what it looks like
- Explains what and why the residents of Rawdon want specific things e.g. infrastructure improvements
- Unlocks a greater share of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which is then spent directly in Rawdon

## What have we done so far?

- Applied for designation
- Formed some initial concepts
- Consulted on LCC Site Allocations and made representations on behalf of the Parish
- Budget funding for the NP (£21k over 3 years)
- Ongoing consultations with residents

## What needs doing?

- Identify themes & issues
- Gather information
- Confirm vision & solutions for Rawdon
- Consult on content of NP
- Create NP policies that conform with NPPF & LDF
- Consult again
- Promote NP through groups to gain support in referendum

## What does the Steering Group do?

- Deliver the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Rawdon Parish Council within the agreed budget and timescales
- Establish a set of focus groups that will look at specific topics within the plan.
- Set objectives in steering group meetings that will identify individual responsibilities from within the focus groups but also identify responsibilities of other stakeholders (e.g. LCC, local landowners, developers).
- Monitor the representativeness of focus groups and recommend remedial action when appropriate
- Gather and disseminate information and opinions from the community

## What does a community member of the SG do?

- Attends and contributes to meetings
- Is not a parish councillor or related to one
- Understands the process of neighbourhood planning and is a source of knowledge for the focus groups (don't worry there is training!)
- Acts as a conduit for information from and to the groups represented

## How is the SG established?

- Max 12 community members
- Chosen to represent different interests in the community
- Normally 1 rep from each sector in community
- Chosen by the sector they represent

## The Legal Bits

- SG members need to sign up to the Council's Code of Conduct and abide by it
- SG members cannot vote on expenditure decisions – only P Cllrs can
- SG meetings must have min 4 people present (incl 2 Cllrs)
- SG chairman and vice-chairman must be P Cllrs