

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Thanks to all who completed our questionnaire just before the Coronavirus outbreak. We were on hold for a bit, but we think it is now time to move things on.

A Neighbourhood Plan can:

- Protect open spaces and community facilities.
- Protect areas of land for conservation, biodiversity and landscape value.
- Suggest improvements to public and green spaces and infrastructure (roads, schools, community facilities etc.).
- Help secure funding for infrastructure and other projects.
- Require green measures as part of developments of land and buildings

A Neighbourhood Plan can refer to but not put any legal force behind:

- Any policies which conflict with the national or District Council strategic planning policies
- Improving services such as social care, refuse collections, grass cutting, etc.
- Setting speeding limits or enforce parking restrictions
- Controlling development of land and buildings that do not need planning permission.

The legal force of a plan concerns development of land and buildings in the area. The District Council must take the proposals and policies on board when it makes planning decisions about the plan area. We think that any development on the land from just north of the Halfway House up to Waterloo Cross will have a major impact on Willand, but this is in Halberton, Burlescombe (and to an extent Uffculme) Parishes. We need the District Council's approval to include this in our plan area – and we are talking to their Parish Councils about this before asking the District.

We can and will include other matters that are important to the community, many of which have already been raised by you in the survey. These include paths and cycleways; the range of traffic issues; housing and employment; improved infrastructure and strengthening the already strong sense of united community. All Neighbourhood Plans must be based on what local people think – the

report has to evidence this and before it can have any weight it must be subject to a referendum open to all the people in a Neighbourhood Area,

We will have a page on the Parish Council website <https://www.willand-pc.org.uk/> where we will be putting our project plan and all other information, and we will also post updates onto the Willand Parish Facebook Group. You can contact us by email at npg@willand-pc.org.uk.