

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What is it? What are its aims? Who is leading it?

Are you willing to contribute ideas and help to create a vision for the future of our villages?

Neighbourhood Plans were created by the Localism Act of 2011 to give local communities a say in how their neighbourhoods will develop. They are usually initiated by the Parish Council who create a Steering Group which then drives the Neighbourhood Plan forward. The process of creating the Neighbourhood Plan is complicated and involves several public consultations and a referendum. It must at all times conform with the Local Authorities Local Plan. The entire process normally takes 3/4 years. The Parish Council retain ultimate control of the process and the Steering Group report to the Parish Council on a regular basis.

In January 2017 East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council initiated the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan (sometimes known as a Neighbourhood Development Order) and the Steering Group was formed. The Steering Group is limited to 14 members of whom 5 are serving Parish Councillors. The remainder of the team are local residents. The Chair of the Steering Group is appointed by the Parish Council.

Working Parties have also been formed. These consist of small groups led by a member of the Steering Group and meet to discuss various policies which will be developed in the Neighbourhood Plan. Membership of Working Parties is open to all residents and we hope that many residents will join in the Working Parties. There is a Working Party for each of the following policies: Employment and Business, Health and Well Being, Infrastructure and Sustainability, Environment and the Countryside, Leisure, Sports and the Arts and Development.

Joining a Working Party enables you to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan and ensures that it will reflect the aspirations of the Community. If you are interested in joining one of the Working Parties please contact chwhnp@gmail.com giving your name, contact and the name of the Working Party which interests you.

Current Steering Group Members are: Cllr. Diane Knill (Chair), Cllr. S. Cole, Cllr T. Pope, Cllr J. Ritchie, Cllr Chris Magness, Peter Brooke, Peter Chapman, Victoria Crick, Gina Cuthbertson, Gill Kennedy, Richard Partridge and Jonathan Walker.