

Notes from Neighbourhood Planning Event, Malvern, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

John Howell MP

- A Neighbourhood Plan has the same force as the local plan.
- There is no fixed cost.
- First step is the area designation.
- A brief examination in public by a competent person is required.
- Parish holds a referendum. If agreed, the District Council then adopts it.
- Thame passed on a 76% Yes vote held on County Council election day.
- 1 in 10 voted for plan, but not County Councillor.

Cllr Angie Paterson, Planning Lead on South Oxfordshire District Council

- Neighbourhood plans developed in parallel with plan
- Resource-intensive
- Planning officers have to let go
- District Council can only refuse to adopt if it breaches ECHR
- Cllrs have to let go
- Parish or settlement boundary is an ideal neighbourhood plan boundary
- Cost and workload vary. From £25,000 to £100,000 of which £20,000 could be grant.

Andrew Whitaker, Planning Head, Home Builders Federation

- Write down what you like and what you want to change in your community.
- Emphasise if you want homes for local people or specific types of employment.
- A development in his Buckingham village of 13 homes led to a £250K contribution under S106 to sports facilities. Worked with the developers.
- Plan can allocate open space.
- Write down a clear vision.
- You can get it sponsored by 1 or more developers.
- A jigsaw of local plans still needs an over-arching plan for infrastructure etc.
- Community Infrastructure Levy – 25% will go to communities with a plan, 15% without.

Gary Williams and Adam Rea.

- Planning inspector to review SWDP in two phases. First is Housing, employment and retail allocations and second is policies and detailed allocations. Could take 12 months.
- Kempsey is a pioneer area for neighbourhood planning and six other parishes are currently doing a consultation on boundaries for their plans.
- Local guide to Neighbourhood plans is on the MHDC website.
- Five year land supply is the crucial issue. See para 14. Of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Harriett Baldwin MP