



Welland Neighbourhood Plan

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A local plan- By local People – For local People



The Localism Act provides a new statutory regime for neighbourhood planning.

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to shape the development and growth of their local area through the production of a Neighbourhood Plan

- The aim of these sessions is to provide you with information about what a neighbourhood plan is, to find out if you think Welland should develop one, what you think the important issues are and how you can get involved

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Where did the idea come from?

- Major changes to the Planning System
(Localism Act 2011)
- Empowering local people to shape their village's future
- Your local Parish Council and a group of volunteers taking the initiative

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What does this mean for Welland?

- A plan that will shape how the parish changes
- An opportunity for community views to carry more weight in planning decisions and community services
- An opportunity for the community to receive 25% of any revenues from Community Infrastructure Levy arising from development
- An opportunity for community views to mean something

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What would the plan cover?

- All, or some of the following:
 - Future housing, recreation, employment, our local environment and community services
- Covering a period through until 2030
 - Will complement the South Worcestershire Development Plan
- Once approved, the plan be the blueprint for how our village evolves

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How would the plan be produced?

- A steering group commissioned by the Parish Council leads the process
- Its aim is to engaged the community
- Community views determine the scope, objectives and priorities for the Welland Plan
- Volunteers from the community helped by outside bodies will draft ad edit the plan
- The aim is to complete the plan by spring 2015
- The community must approve it by referendum
- The Planning Inspectorate must approve it

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Some Themes to consider?

- Improving Community Services
- Housing needs
- Jobs and the local economy
- Encouraging a thriving Community
- Protecting our environment

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What would it cost?

- Neighbourhood plans have no fixed costs nor fixed template
- The cost will depend on the scope of the Welland plan and how much external resource is needed
 - similar size communities expect costs to develop their neighbourhood plan to be in the region of £20-25,000.
 - costs to consider include: public engagement and consultation, websites, printing, technical support
- Opportunity to learn from other communities ahead of us in the process
- Funding is available from national government, local councils and outside bodies

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Next Steps?

- Consulting the community
- Confirm Parish Council Support
- Seeking more volunteers
- Organising working parties
- Gathering Information
- Conducting surveys
- Shaping ideas and options
- Deciding priorities

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Should we have a neighbourhood plan?

- What do you like best about Welland?
- What would you most like to see improved?
- Do you support the idea of a neighbourhood plan for Welland?

Please complete a feedback form with your views

Forms available here, from the post office, the school, community groups or online at wellanplan.btck.co.uk

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Finding out more and getting involved?

- More detail and up to date news at our website **www.wellandplan.org.uk**
- Neighbourhood Plan community updates
- Contact member of Steering Group
- Contact a member of the Parish Council
- Can you help?