

# Neighbourhood Planning in Herefordshire

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# Introduction

The general aims of this presentation are:

- **Summary of Neighbourhood Planning explain the Neighbourhood Planning process**
  - To offer advice for getting started
  - To clarify the role of Herefordshire Council
- **Overview of the emerging Rural Areas Development Plan Document and process**

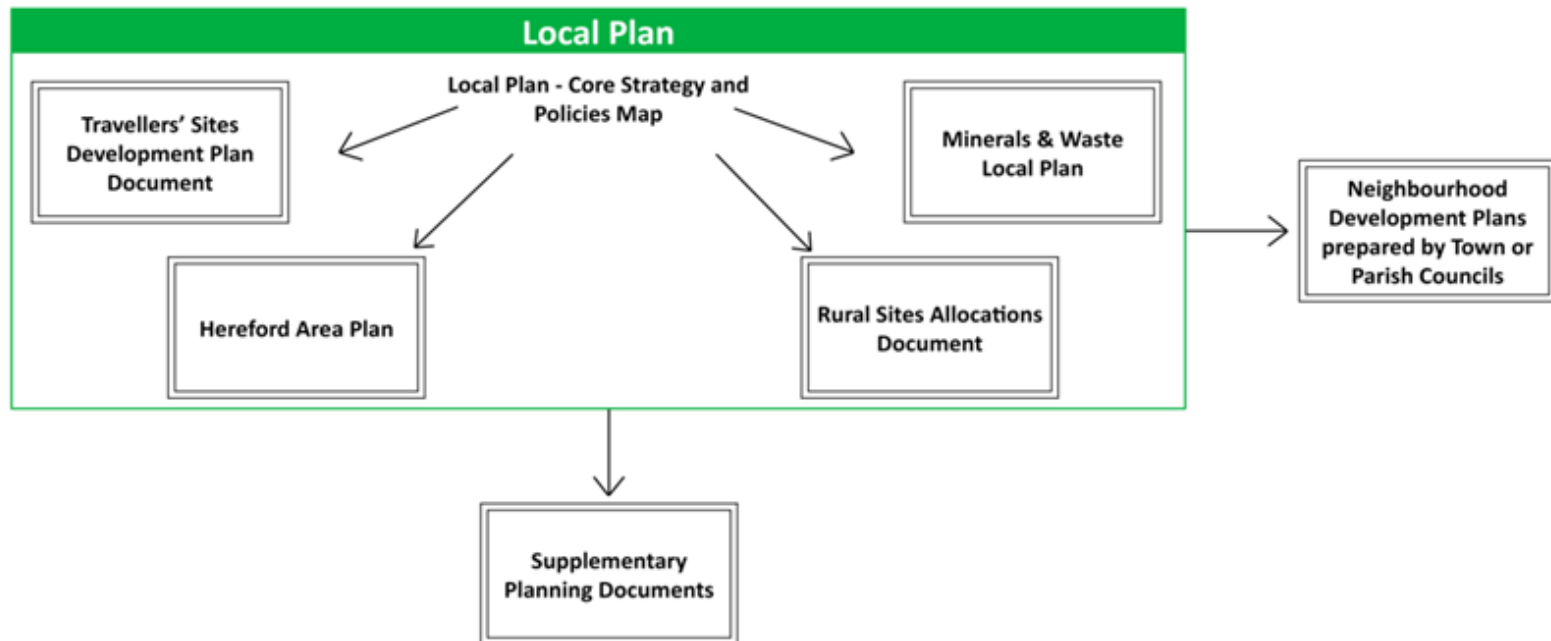
# What is Neighbourhood Planning?

- Established by Localism Act (2011)
- Gives communities opportunity and responsibility to:
  - Shape the places in which they live
  - Decide the locations for new homes/business
  - Get more involved in creating policies

# Neighbourhood Development Plans

- Form part of Local Development Plan
- Deal with land use issues
- Not compulsory
- Cannot be used to stop development
- General conformity with strategic policies
- Produced by Parish Councils

# Relationship between Core Strategy and NDPs



# Neighbourhood Plan Summary

## Neighbourhood Plans Can:

- Decide where and what type of development should happen within your parish.
- Decide what the development should look like.
- Promote development for your community in line with the Local Plan (Core Strategy).
- Include detailed planning policies for the parish.

## Neighbourhood Plans Cannot:

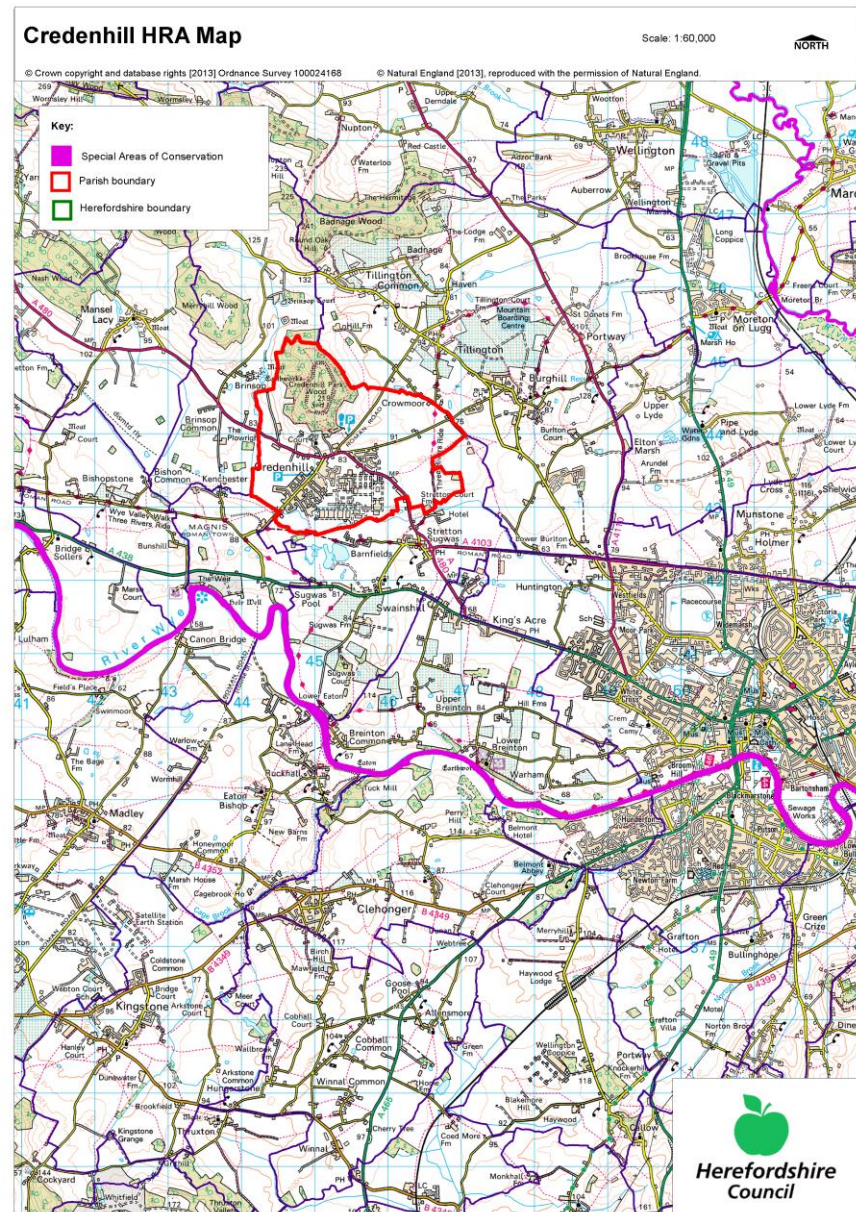
- Conflict with the policies within the Local Plan (Core Strategy).
- Be used to prevent development.
- Be prepared by anyone other than a parish or town council in Herefordshire.
- Include county matters such as Minerals and Waste.

# Content of Neighbourhood Plans

- Settlement boundaries
- Allocate sites for housing/employment
- Design policies
- Protection and enhancement of open space
- Protection of locally important buildings
- Protection of green space
- Promoting of renewable energy

# Issues to be Addressed for Rural Parishes

- Proportional growth – Hereford HMA - 18%
- Settlement highlighted as 4.14 (listed p109-110 in Core Strategy)
- Site allocations
- Settlement boundary



# Neighbourhood Planning Process

- Stage 1 - Define 'neighbourhood area'
- Stage 2 - Prepare the Plan
- Stage 3 - Submission of final Plan
- Stage 4 - Independent Examination
- Stage 5 - Referendum
- Stage 6 - Adoption

# Neighbourhood Planning Process and Timeframe

1	Neighbourhood Area designated (Reg 7) of Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.	4 weeks (6 weeks)	Average process from start to finish  18- 36 months
2	Preparation and drafting of Neighbourhood Development Plan.  Production of draft plan, consultation statement, SEA and basic condition statement (Reg 14). Send to Herefordshire Council to send out for consultation (Reg15)	Various  6 week consultation	
3	Submission of Final Plan (Reg16)	6 weeks	
4	Independent Examination (Reg18)	2-4 months	
5	Referendum	Various	
6	Adoption of Neighbourhood Development Plan	Various	

# Getting started

- Get your community involved
- Establish steering group
- Designate your neighbourhood area
- Develop communication strategy
- Develop project timetable
- Review evidence base and information
- Review Core Strategy policy
- Develop a Vision and objectives for your parish

Supplementary application form 2012

 Herefordshire Council

County of Herefordshire Council  
Planning  
100 High Street  
Hereford  
HR1 1AA

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area  
Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Publication of applications on the Herefordshire Council website  
Please note that the information provided on this application form may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the planning department.

Please complete completed copies and send to:

<b>1. Parish Clerk details</b> Title <input type="text"/> First Name <input type="text"/> Last Name <input type="text"/> Last <input type="text"/> House Number <input type="text"/> House Suffix <input type="text"/> House Name <input type="text"/> Address 1 <input type="text"/> Address 2 <input type="text"/> Address 3 <input type="text"/> Town <input type="text"/> County <input type="text"/> Postcode <input type="text"/> Email <input type="text"/>	<b>2. Additional contact details of different organisations</b> Title <input type="text"/> First Name <input type="text"/> Last Name <input type="text"/> Last <input type="text"/> House Number <input type="text"/> House Suffix <input type="text"/> House Name <input type="text"/> Address 1 <input type="text"/> Address 2 <input type="text"/> Address 3 <input type="text"/> Town <input type="text"/> County <input type="text"/> Postcode <input type="text"/> Email <input type="text"/>
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**3. Statement made:**  
I have read the full process for designating a Neighbourhood Area and I hereby confirm that I am satisfied with and will submit the form to the Council in accordance with section 22 of the 2012 Regulations.

Yes  Name of Parish Council   
No

# Role of Herefordshire Council

- Planning Officer technical advice and support
- 36 guidance sheets available on website
- Provide background evidence and data / SLA
- Check the Plan (conformity and legal requirements)
- Organise and pay for independent examination
- Organise and pay for referendum
- Adopt the Plan

# Role of Herefordshire Council

The Council will not offer support with the following:

- Writing documents
- Undertaking primary survey work
- Attend every meeting/consultation event organised
- Direct financial support

# Funding

## Supporting Communities - DCLG

- Grants of up to £9,000
- Direct support – advice and support from Localities
- Rolling programme until April 2020 for Parishes
- Claimed in 6 months portions (for what you have allocated spend on)
- Latest tranche opened 1<sup>st</sup> April
- 100% success rate on grants awarded

# Neighbourhood Planning in Herefordshire

This map shows those parishes who are currently producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

108 Neighbourhood areas designated  
21 'made' adopted

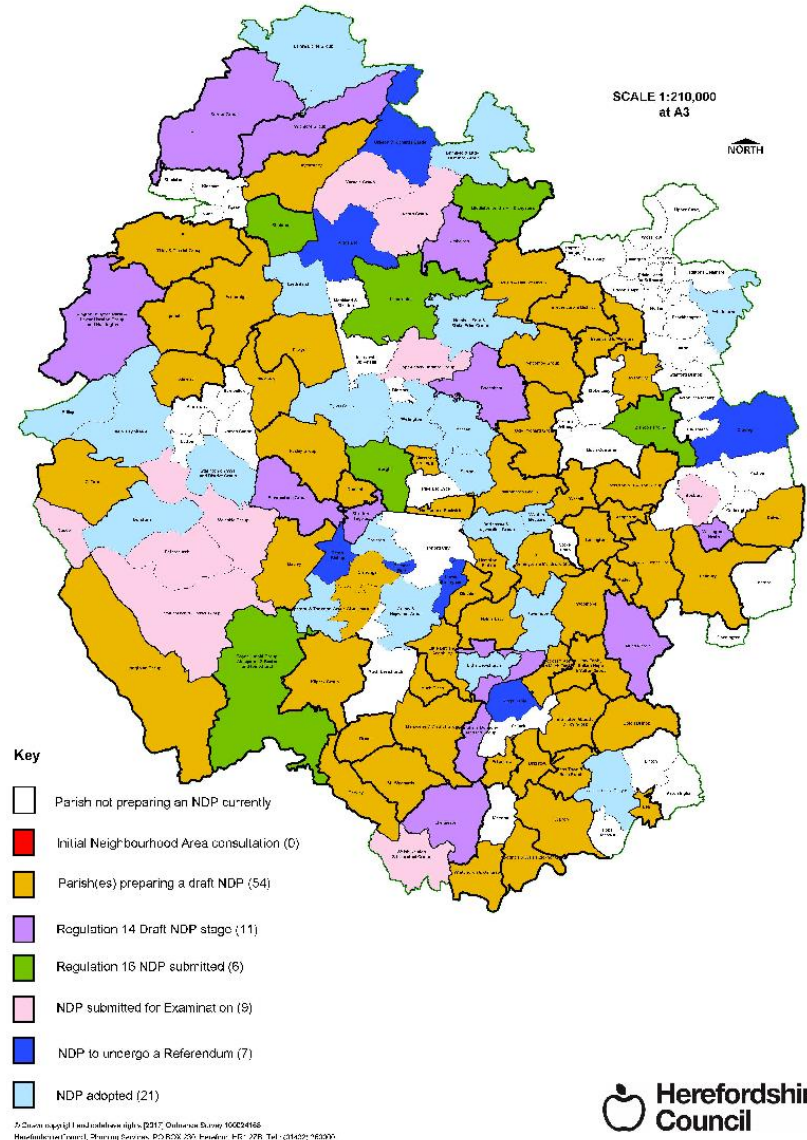
54 Parishes preparing

14 Reg 14

6 Reg 16 submitted

7 due to undergo referendum

(correct at 28/06/17)



# Rural Site Allocation DPD

# What is the RASA DPD?

Rural Site allocation development plan document is for:

- Those parishes not preparing a NDP
- Parishes who have not progressed from designation of a neighbourhood area

This document includes

- Site allocations
- Settlement boundaries

# Aims of the RASA DPD

- To support the delivery of the Core Strategy
  - Ensure policies to support proportional growth
  - To provide additional detail to policy RA2/RA3
  - Help define settlements within policy RA2
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- Not a replacement for any adopted NDP
  - Not seeking to undermine any parish working on NDP
  - Not an opportunity to revisit the Core Strategy
  - Not a comprehensive development management criteria policy document

# Policy options

Policy options to be considered;

- Settlement boundaries
- Housing allocations
  - Size of site allocations
  - Self and custom built housing
  - Affordable housing
  - Starting homes
- Employment allocations
- Local Green Spaces
- Any other topics?

# Consultation process

- **6 week period - 12 June to 28 July 2017**
- Website ([Herefordshire.gov.uk/rasadpd](http://Herefordshire.gov.uk/rasadpd))
- Social media
- Press release
- Questionnaire (paper and online)
- Reference copies in Info and Libraries
- FAQ

# RASA DPD drop in events

- ~~14 June Bartestree village hall~~
  - 5 July Hope Centre, Bromyard
  - 11 July Much Dewchurch village hall
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- Exhibition open from 1:30 to 6pm
  - Displays of options
  - Officers available to answer queries

# Questions

# Contact

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