**WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?**

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and

growth of an area.

 It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development.

All Neighbourhood Plans must meet certain conditions (for example they must comply with the Local Authority’s Local Plan and be sustainable).

Neighbourhood Plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. They may deal with a wide range of issues (like **housing, employment, heritage and transport**) or may focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in a local area.

A Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to examination and referendum and then form part of

the Local Development Plan. This statutory status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight

than some other local planning documents, such as parish plans, community plans and village

design statements.