

## WHITCHURCH PLAN FAQs

- **How can a Neighbourhood Plan help us?**

A Neighbourhood Plan works alongside the Local Plan adopted by AVDC  
It has legal status.  
It has to be consulted by the local authority or an inspector before planning decisions are made.
- **Does this mean we can avoid new/large developments in the village?**

No, future development is inevitable and we must be realistic. A well prepared Neighbourhood Plan will identify what we should build and where.
- **What is the benefit of having a Neighbourhood Plan and a Community Led Plan?**

The two types of plan cover different areas.  
They are complimentary and can fit together to give the best of both worlds.  
A Neighbourhood plan is closely defined to cover building development, a Community Plan picks up all the other aspects of village development
- **Who is going to do the work to develop the plan(s)**

The Steering Group, but we would love more volunteers to fully involve the community.
- **How is a Neighbourhood Plan Funded?**

There are significant costs associated with a Neighbourhood Plan. Costs are higher if an outside consultant is used. There are funds available from AVDC and funding can also be obtained from local sponsors. The Parish Council can also provide funds, which may involve an increase in the Parish Precept element of council tax.
- **How is a Community Led Plan funded?**

There are no specific costs involved in producing it but any subsequent actions would need to be funded, probably by the Parish Council and would be dependent upon their resources.
- **When will we hear the outcome of the questionnaire?**

The Steering Group will report back to the July Parish Council meeting.  
A summary of the questionnaire responses will be published in the Whitchurch News.
- **What if we do not agree with any proposed Neighbourhood Plan?**

Before a Plan can legally be adopted it must be subject to the result of a village referendum.

Further village consultation will also be taking place as any plan starts to be developed.

○ **What is development process of a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Consultation

Planned Development

Final Documentation

Referendum

Adoption

○ **How long will it take for a Neighbourhood Plan to be developed?**

Eighteen months to two years.

○ **What is the role of the Parish Council?**

The Parish Council has sponsored the Steering Group as a result of demand within the village.

The Steering Group has been established to investigate the views of the village as a whole to the type of plans we may require or whether we require a plan at all.

○ **Will a Village Plan of either type have any influence over traffic?**

A Neighbourhood Plan can include traffic mitigation measures.

Feedback from the Questionnaire can be used by the Parish Council as evidence to make representations to Bucks County Council. Ultimately it is BCC who determine all traffic related issues.