

Neighbourhood Plan Review

The District Council Local Plan is currently undergoing a review. This should be published before Christmas for public consultation with the finished made plan by 2020. One aspect of the changes to this plan is the inclusion of references to local Neighbourhood Plans. The Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council have agreed to review our Neighbourhood Plan with the District Council, to bringing it in to line with changes to the Local Plan.

This area is going through some big changes. The Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan is our chance to have a say in the way these changes are made, how they should be carried out and what we would like from them. The final document has some legal input in to the development process and is an opportunity for us to shape how this area evolves over the next 15 years.

To carry out this review we need to re-form a Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (CHNPWG) and are looking for volunteers. Previously we had carried out the work required ourselves, with a little help from the District Council. However, this time we will be making use of a consultant. I am hoping that most of the work already done originally will still be of use and with the full support of a consultant, the amount of time and work required will be less. The previous CHNPWG consisted of 16 members with a mix of Parish Councillors and members of the local community. We need people from all parts of the Chidham & Hambrook area to ensure we have a good spread of opinions and if you can spare some time to support this very important work please contact either myself or the Parish Clerk (email chidhamandhambrookpc@gmail.com or Tel 07986395253) as soon as possible. I hope to have an inaugural meeting this November.

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