

## What is Neighbourhood Planning?



Passed by the Government within the Localism Act, Neighbourhood Planning enables local communities to influence the planning and development of their area by helping to decide:

- The most appropriate places for new homes, shops, offices, and other development to be located.
- What type of development is most needed in the local area and what it should look like.
- Which green spaces, important areas, and buildings should be protected.
- What improvements or additions to facilities, services and infrastructure are required alongside development.

## Why Produce a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Planning provides communities with a unique opportunity to produce a legally recognised planning document based on the needs, views, and priorities of those that live, work, and do business in the local area.

Provided with statutory weight through the Localism Act, Neighbourhood Planning enables the community to set planning policies for the local area which once adopted, will be utilised to determine planning applications and to guide future development in the area. These policies will be in line with Rutland Core Strategy 2011-2026 and North Northants Core Spatial Strategy 2008-2021.

There are a number of key things that a Neighbourhood Plan CAN and CANNOT achieve:

### A Neighbourhood Plan CAN...

- Set planning policies to shape and direct future development in the area.

- Determine what type of development takes place and what it looks like.
- Identify the most suitable local sites for development.
- Encourage more development than proposed for the area
- Identify key areas for protection (e.g. Historic buildings, open spaces)
- Set out the improvements or additions to local facilities, services and infrastructure that will be required alongside any development.

### A Neighbourhood Plan CANNOT...

- Prevent any development from ever taking place in an area
- Be prepared solely by a developer or landowner to push through a proposed development
- Be in conflict with local, national, or EU policies
- Be prepared with no input or support from the local community

A group of Barrowden and Wakerley residents have already begun the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The village areas have been incorporated and approved as a designated Neighbourhood Plan area by Rutland and East Northants District Councils. We are now at the consultation stage when we need to hear from all the residents of our two villages about what you believe the **Issues** are that affect Barrowden and Wakerley and what the **Options** might be to address them.

Bring along your thoughts to either of our **drop-in sessions** and help us shape the future not only about housing but infrastructure, open spaces, trees, community facilities, social housing and more...

**Wednesday 30th September**

**7.30am - 9.30pm (anytime)**

**Saturday 3rd October**

**10am - 4pm (anytime)**

Barrowden Village Hall  
Refreshments available



*Producing a Neighbourhood plan will enable us to have a clear say about how our villages and the surrounding area will develop in the coming years.*



## Barrowden & Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan



**What it's all about...**