



# Sutton Benger Neighbourhood Development Plan

NDP Update  
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# What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?



Localism Act 2011

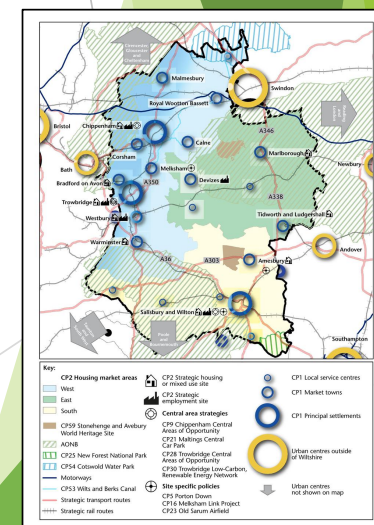
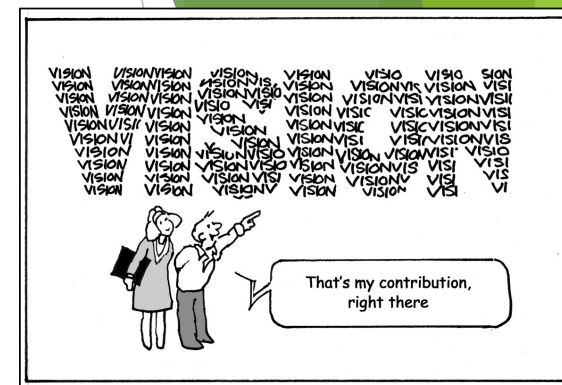
- ▶ **Neighbourhood planning** is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011
- ▶ Communities can shape **development** in their areas through the production of **Neighbourhood Development Plans**



- ▶ The NDP then becomes part of the **Wiltshire Core Strategy**
- ▶ The policies contained within the NDP are then used in the determination of **planning applications**

# What the NDP is...

- ▶ Gives our community the direct power to:
  - ▶ Develop a shared vision for our parish
  - ▶ Shape the development and growth of the parish
- ▶ We are able to choose:
  - ▶ Where new homes and businesses should be built
  - ▶ What buildings should look like
  - ▶ Which green areas should have special protection
- ▶ But... the NDP must still meet the needs of the Wiltshire Core Strategy

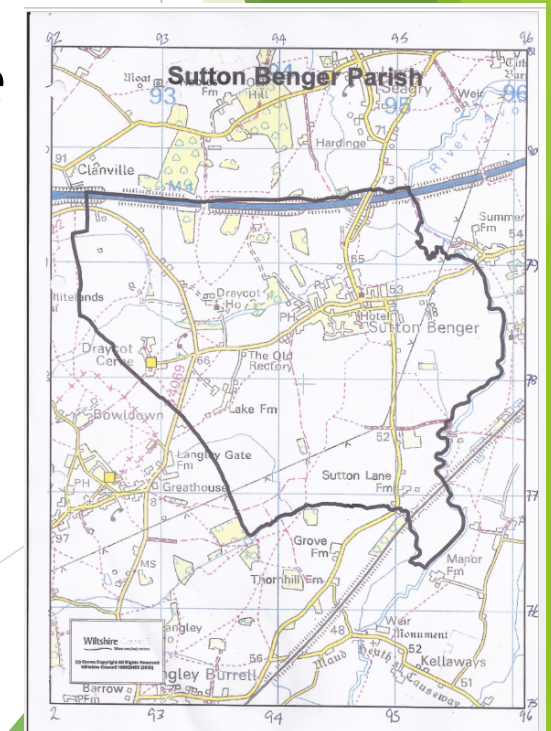


# The Stages of the NDP process

● Stage 1  
Getting Established

● Stage 2  
Preparing the Plan

● Stage 3  
Bringing the Plan into Force

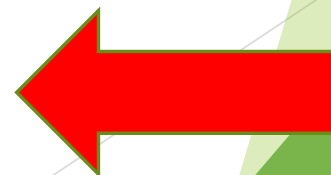


## Stage 2: Preparing the plan

- ▶ Establish vision and objectives ✓
- ▶ Identify key local partners ✓
- ▶ Start to build the evidence base:
  - ▶ Existing and new evidence ✓
  - ▶ Write evidence/topic papers ✓
- ▶ Engage a consultant ✓
- ▶ Community and stakeholder engagement and involvement -- **ongoing**
- ▶ Produce the plan (preparation of policies)

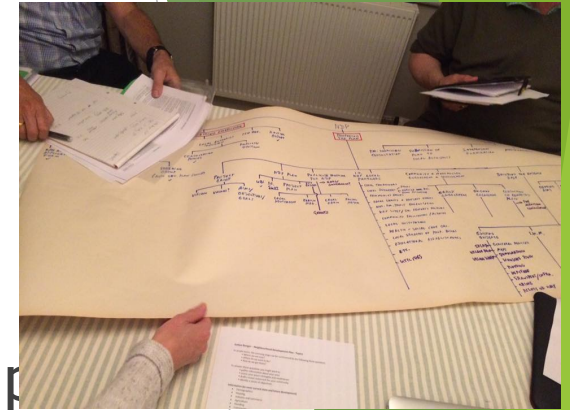


**We are here!**



## What We Have Achieved

- ▶ Parish questionnaire and survey
- ▶ Website and other means of communication
- ▶ Housing database from public records - nothing p
- ▶ Housing policy paper(s) - more on this later
- ▶ Other policy papers
- ▶ Initial draft of NDP report
- ▶ Registered for Data Protection
- ▶ We have approved funding for Phase 1 of the plan
- ▶ Engaged a consultant (BlueStone) to help produce the plan



# Bluestone Planning

- ▶ We have asked Bluestone to:
  - ▶ Prepare Character Appraisal describing the important features of the Neighbourhood Plan area
  - ▶ Professional support in completing drafting of neighbourhood plan
  - ▶ Prepare Design Guide (as an annex to character appraisal)
- ▶ What we can do:
  - ▶ Provide photos of all the places of importance in the village
  - ▶ Provide pictures of and examples of recent developments which the residents think are good examples and those which are poor
  - ▶ Update the draft neighbourhood development plan based on comments received from Bluestone to date and issue next draft

## Current Challenges

- ▶ Core team
  - ▶ Jo Watchman and Jake West, supported by Ruth Gaunt and Nicola Hayward from the Parish Council
- ▶ Need more participation - **Its your Plan**
- ▶ Wiltshire Council Core Strategy
  - ▶ Only runs to 2026 - **in contrast** NDP runs for 15+ years from now
  - ▶ Recent Core Strategy draft recognises housing pressure on Sutton Benger, and states that there is no additional housing allocation; but this isn't enough to ensure our village develops as WE want it too.
  - ▶ Getting Wiltshire Council support
- ▶ NDPs are being challenged by developers
- ▶ We need professional support - so we have engaged a consultant.

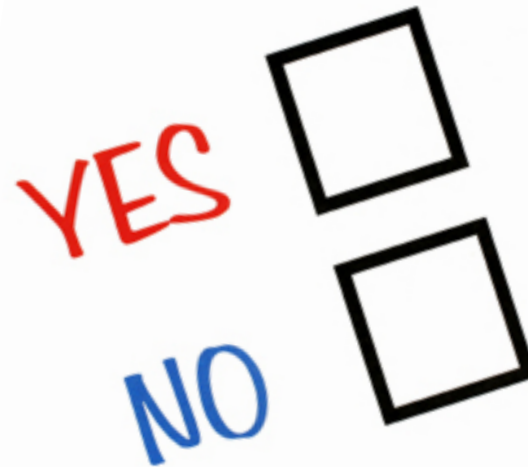


## Next Big Steps

- ▶ Work with Bluestone to get the NDP ready
- ▶ Identify potential development sites
  - ▶ Land owners have already offered sites for development
  - ▶ Need to assess sites with WC policy criteria
  - ▶ Need to assess sites against previous SB questionnaire
- ▶ Its time for an updated survey of what parishioners want for Sutton Benger
  - ▶ Last time we only asked what do you have and what you want personally
- ▶ Survey to evaluate and score each site
  - ▶ Then the sites with highest score go into the plan

## Stage 3: Bringing the plan into force

- ▶ Pre-submission consultation
- ▶ Submission of plan to Wiltshire Council
- ▶ Independent examination
- ▶ Modifications
- ▶ Referendum
- ▶ Delivery of the policies!



Thank you

Questions

