

Appendix B

Press Release Jan 2015

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH



The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, from Left to Right, Councillors Elli Pang, Geoff Pratt, Martin Thurgood (WG Chair), Paul Bartlett, Jessica Bailey and Jo Talbot (Deputy Chair), and Deputy Town Clerk, Su Graham.

Ottery St Mary Town Council has been given the go-ahead to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish, that's from Fenny Bridges to Tipton St John and West Hill to Wiggaton and East Hill.

The plan will influence growth and development across the whole Parish, not just the Town and not just housing, but everything else that contributes towards making this a great place to live. The Parish has suffered too long from the lack of an up to date District Council Local Plan and that has meant unplanned development, especially from housing developers.

When adopted, a Neighbourhood Plan will help in securing vital influence over future development and give the Parish a bigger share of the monies developers will be required to provide in support of local communities. Producing a plan will not be a quick exercise. As a first step, it will involve consulting widely with everyone on how they see the future. So look out for opportunities over the coming months to make your views heard. You'll be kept engaged and informed as the plan develops.

The Town Council's Working Group wants to hear from people in our community with the enthusiasm and the ideas to help in this challenging project. If you would like to help, please get in touch as soon as possible with the Town Clerk's Office on 01404 812252 or via enquiries@otterystmary-tc.gov.uk.



OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL.

**SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
YOUR PARISH
THROUGH A
NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN.**

If you would like to be involved and to find out more, please see our website

<http://www.otterystmary-tc.gov.uk>

or get in touch with the Town Clerk's Office at
The Old Convent, 8 Broad Street, Ottery St
Mary EX11 1BZ Tel 01404 812252

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GET INVOLVED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Once a contact has been finalised with the consultants, the next step will be a large-scale consultation exercise across the Parish to find out what people want. There's already been a short presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting. The working group will be pleased to speak at any stage to interested community groups: please get in touch with the Town Council office (01404 812252 or via enquiries@otterystmary-tc.gov.uk). The Town Council is refreshing its on-line web pages and these will shortly be accessible to you. The neighbourhood plan will feature on the front page and will keep you informed of developments as well as letting you know how you can get involved in the consultations. So keep in touch and together we will have a neighbourhood plan that helps us to control how our neighbourhoods develop.

Articles in West Hill Messenger

Written by Margaret Hall, Chairman of West Hill Residents' Association

April 2015

Neighbourhood Plan

Work has now started on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, which will cover the whole existing Ottery St Mary Parish. A Neighbourhood Plan is a means for communities to determine for themselves how to meet development needs in their area without causing unnecessary harm to the character of their village and its surrounding countryside. The Neighbourhood Plan has full legal and policy standing in deciding planning applications.

Cllr Jo Talbot, Cllr Jessica Bailey and I are on the Working Group representing West Hill's interests. I am keen to ensure that the principles of the West Hill Village Design Statement, and protection for our special trees, hedgerows and open spaces are included.

The next stage will be to have widespread consultation with local people about how we want West Hill to develop in the future. Look out for events in the village. It is very important that we get as many representative views from residents as possible (not just WHRA members) so that the Neighbourhood Plan really contains what we want.

June 2015

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Articles in Alfington Parish Pump

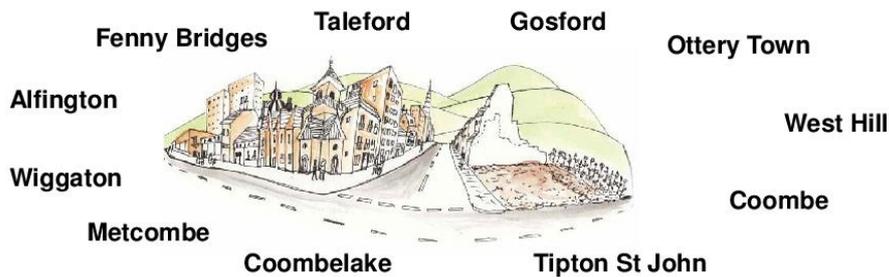
From the Summer 2015 issue

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UNDER WAY

Work on the Parish neighbourhood plan has made an excellent start. The Working Group is composed of enthusiastic parishioners and Town Councillors, and has now identified an experienced consultancy which shares and understands the group's vision of a plan which will secure what best suits the area. The group is looking to enhance and cherish our natural landscape and built environment - while controlling future development to avoid things being imposed on the area by planners and developers. The next step is large-scale consultation across the Parish, to discover what local people really want.

The neighbourhood plan will feature prominently on a newly updated Town Council website, where you can keep in touch with news of developments and details of how to get more involved. The working group will be pleased to speak to local community groups about the plan: please contact the Town Council office on 01404 812252 or via enquiries@otterystmary-tc.gov.uk

A Neighbourhood Plan For Ottery St Mary Parish



Community-led planning that will
influence development across
our Parish for the next 15 years

Where we currently are.

The boundary is defined.

There's a core working group -
local people and councillors



We have expert Consultants to advise.

NOW, we need your views.

Some ideas and possibilities

Neighbourhood design guides

Employment

Transport

Enhancing the environment

New Green Spaces

Protecting our villages

Where new housing can go

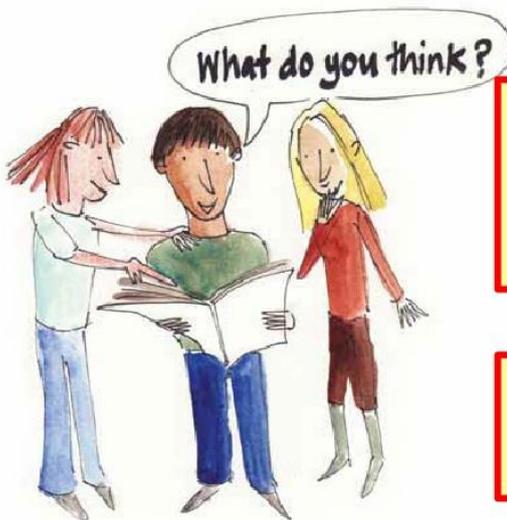


Enhancing the town centre

Housing for young and elderly people

Roads and car parking

Community facilities



It's your neighbourhood and you plan.

Join in the consultation.

Sign up today and be kept informed.