



Neighbourhood Plan for Moggerhanger and Blunham

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- Giving communities a choice of where they want new homes to be built and what they should look like
- Giving communities a say on what infrastructure should be provided

If you would like to find out a bit more on how you could help to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Moggerhanger and Blunham please come along to a meeting at Moggerhanger Village Hall on **Wednesday, 29th June 2022 at 7:30pm** where we will have Eleanor Keep from CBC attending to explain what would be involved. Blunham Parish Councillors will also be in attendance.

Please note that without YOU, we will be unable to develop a plan!

Neighbourhood plans

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

Neighbourhood plans should be focused on local issues and on guiding development proposals, rather than stopping them. Once adopted, a neighbourhood plan becomes part of the statutory development plan for the specified area and will be used in making decisions on planning applications.

Getting started

Town and parish councils are the 'qualifying bodies'. They can produce plans that cover their entire parish/ town boundary, or just part of it. Alternatively, they can work with other town and parish councils to produce a joint plan, if they wish to do so. The first step in the process is to designate a neighbourhood area within which the neighbourhood plan is to be prepared. On receiving an application from a town or parish council, which aligns with the parish boundary, CBC will approve the application.

If a neighbourhood plan is successful at the examination, it will proceed to a referendum to allow residents to vote. If the plan is successful at the referendum, CBC will 'make' the plan part of the development plan for the area and use it during the consideration of planning applications.

Example of an Adopted Plan - Haynes Neighbourhood Plan:

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