



Handforth Neighbourhood Plan

Have your say on the future of Handforth

You can influence the future development of Handforth by becoming involved with the Handforth Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Planning Group want residents, businesses, employees and community groups to suggest how Handforth should develop to meet future needs.

Can a Neighbourhood Plan make a difference - or is it a waste of time?

Extracts from “[Neighbourhood Planning](#)”, Dept for Communities and Local Government (Nov 2012):

“If the local planning authority says that an area needs to grow then communities **cannot** use neighbourhood planning to block the building of new homes and businesses”

However, “communities (that have drawn up an approved neighbourhood plan) will be 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
- grant planning permission for new buildings they want to see go ahead”

An approved neighbourhood plan may therefore be able to moderate the effects of the Local Plan to the advantage of the local community.

Have your say – by post

Return your completed questionnaire by using the pre-paid envelope provided.

Have your say – on line

If you would rather let us know what you think on line, our questionnaire is also available through our website:

www.handforthneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

Have your say – in person

Come and have a chat with the Neighbourhood Planning Group. We are based in the Youth Centre and our secretary is the Parish Clerk, Mr Ashley Dawson (tel. 01625 523330).

We will be holding some public meetings and in-depth discussion sessions early in 2017. Look out for details our website and on the parish council notice boards. The meetings and discussion sessions will help shape the creation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your views heard – complete your questionnaire by ***** 2017

Unsure what issues may face Handforth?

The Local Plan will very likely specify that significant housebuilding will occur both within and adjacent to Handforth. Please see the attached list of potential issues that may arise from the CEC Local Plan and the Local Plans of neighbouring boroughs.

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1. What three topics are most important to you?
Please order 1 – 3 (1 being the most important)

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| Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transport/traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leisure | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Natural environment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Village centre | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. What three things do you **like** about Handforth?

3. What three things do you **dislike** about Handforth?

4. Suggest three ways in which Handforth could be improved

5. About you:

Resident Business

Other Postcode