

Siddington Neighbourhood Development Plan - what it is and how it will be prepared?

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

Local communities have the right to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) which sets out broad objectives and detailed policies to influence new development and the use of land in their designated neighbourhood area. The Siddington NDP (SNDP) will cover the whole of the Parish of Siddington.

Once 'made' the Siddington NDP will form part of the statutory Development Plan for the area it covers, which means it must be taken into consideration in the determination of planning applications and appeals. The Siddington NDP will sit alongside the adopted Cotswold District Plan for the purpose of decision making.

The purpose of a NDP is to shape development within the Plan area (i.e., Siddington Parish): to influence the location of new development and what type of development will be encouraged in land use planning terms. This may include:

- New housing, including number of homes, tenure and design.
- Identifying important green spaces.
- Recognising existing built development that contributes to the local area: for example, a building or other structure that has historic or architectural value often not protected by local designation or national statutory listing.
- Protecting and supporting local facilities and services.
- Promoting connectivity and sustainable modes to travel, such as walking and cycling.
- Supporting sustainable construction and a low carbon future.

How will we prepare the Siddington NDP?

The Parish Council has established a Steering Group to manage the process of producing the NDP on behalf of the Parish Council and has engaged a consultant, Wendy Hopkins of Brodie Planning Associates, to advise.

The purpose and objective of the Steering Group is to produce a sound NDP for the Parish of Siddington, that defines the planning policy priorities identified by the community, taking into account all representations made during the plan-making process and having regard to all relevant existing plans and evidence.

The process involves several stages:

Stage 1 - Building the evidence base

We will collect evidence on local social, economic and environmental conditions and related issues.

We will seek the views of parish residents through circulation of a Questionnaire, which will seek information about the residents and their views on development in Siddington. We will circulate this with the Village News and will provide options for it to be completed online or delivered in hard copy. If you are a resident of Siddington but do not receive the Village News please email (see below) to request a copy of the Questionnaire.

Stage 2 - drafting the NDP

When we have completed collection of evidence we will prepare a draft of the NDP, which will be submitted to the Parish Council for approval.

As our thinking is refined we will, if we think it would be helpful, undertake further consultation on specific proposals.

Stage 3 - Pre-submission Consultation

Once the draft NDP has been approved by the Parish Council we will undertake extensive consultation on the draft. This will involve publicising the draft NDP to people who live, work or run businesses in Siddington and seeking their views.

At the same time we will consult with Cotswold District Council and other statutory bodies, as required, and others who may have an interest in or be affected by the NDP.

Stage 4 - Formal consultation

The results of the pre-submission consultation will be taken into account and a final draft NDP submitted to Cotswold District Council who will arrange for it to be published for formal consultation during a six week period.

Stage 5- Independent examination

After conclusion of the formal consultation, Cotswold District Council will appoint an appropriately qualified and experienced person to carry out an independent examination of the neighbourhood plan. The independent examiner will consider responses to the formal consultation and may hear representations at a public hearing.

Stage 6 - Local referendum

Once approved by the Independent examiner the NDP will be the subject of a local referendum.

Get Involved!

The Siddington NDP should reflect the views of everyone in the Parish and the Steering Group is keen to recruit new members. The Steering Group meets monthly, on the first Tuesday of each month.

Please let us know if you would like to join the Steering Group or to help in other ways.

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The Siddington NDP Steering Group

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