**NORTH MARSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**This is your village plan!**

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Proposed Submission is the latest draft of the Local plan and can be found at: [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-valp-2013-2033](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-valp-2013-2033), as well as at northmarston@gmail.com. The plan will help to accommodate national housing growth demand and bring more investment, employment and opportunity, thus helping the district to thrive. In the Local Plan, North Marston has 8 completions/allocations and no allocated sites. However, once the Local Plan has been adopted, planned for by end 2018, there is no guarantee that North Marston will not be given an allocation of houses to fulfill. To help towards safeguarding our village an important step is to have a Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood plan is a land-use planning document and addresses the development and use of land. It will allow our community to have some control over where housing development takes place, to inﬂuence the type and quality of that development, and to help changes meet local objectives.

The alternative to adopting our own Neighbourhood Plan is to live with continued development pressure and to be forced into a reactive approach responding to each planning application as it is made.

The Neighbourhood Plan belongs to the village. The Parish Council are setting up a working party of volunteers to work on the plan with the support of the Parish Council and AVDC and will be inline with the National Planning Policy. At the end of the process the wider community will vote in a referendum on whether the plan should be brought into force. If it is successful it will then form part of the statutory development plan and developers will then have to work within the policies and priorities contained in the plan.

As well as the Neighbourhood plan outlining the neighbourhood area, the key issues, the vision and objectives and planning policies it could also include the following:

✦ The development of housing, including affordable housing (affordable housing is housing that is not normally for sale on the open market), and bringing vacant or derelict housing back into use.

✦ Provision for businesses to set up or expand their premises.

✦ Transport and access (including issues around roads, cycling, walking and access for disabled people).

✦ The development of schools, places of worship, health facilities, leisure and entertainment facilities, community and youth centres and village halls.

✦ The restriction of certain types of development and change of use, for example to avoid too much of one type of use.

✦ The design of buildings.

✦ Protection and creation of open space, nature reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens, and the planting of trees.

✦ Protection of important buildings and historic assets such as archaeological remains.

✦ Promotion of renewable energy projects, such as solar energy and wind turbines.

The cost of a Neighbourhood plan can vary between £20-80K depending on the complexity of the plan, the expertise that exists within the group preparing the neighbourhood plan and any additional specialist and expert advice needed. North Marston will be eligible to apply for a grant up to £9,000. It can take up to two years to finalise a neighbourhood plan demonstrating the need to establish the working party as soon as possible.

**The village owns the Neighbourhood Plan and it is our chance to have some control over the future development of the village.**

**If you are interested in becoming part of the working party and working on this essential plan for the village please email northmarston@gmail.com before the 13th February.**

**Let’s make a difference to the future of our village!**

***The Parish Council website*** ***northmarston@gmail.com*** ***holds current information on all aspects of the village and housing development news. So please have a look.***

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Kind Regards,

North Marston Parish Council