

What's happening with the Neighbourhood Plan ...

The Neighbourhood Plan is moving towards the final stages before seeking the support of local residents in a referendum, there will be two exhibitions for you to comment on the work so far before the Draft is submitted for formal consultation:

- **Saturday morning 13th July, the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Cliffe 10:30am to 12:30pm.**
- **Tuesday 16th July, the Emmanuel Centre, Parkside, Cliffe Woods (next to the shops) 7:00pm and 9:00pm.**

The Steering Group have worked up a series of policies that reflect the discussions that took place previously. Now your views are wanted on those policies.

The big picture ...

- Neighbourhood Plans can influence or allocate new housing; produce design policies for allocated sites or for general design policies; protect or identify new community facilities; and identify green spaces to be protected from any future development proposals and more where practical and justified.
- Neighbourhood Plans are policy-based land use plans that need to be in general conformity with the local plan prepared by Medway Council, so cannot block new housing, but help control it. Your Neighbourhood Plan is being produced by a Steering Group of residents and parish councillors. This has ensured that residents and local groups are in the driving seat – producing policy based on local knowledge and views.
- The development of the Neighbourhood Plan has taken place during a period of great uncertainty in relation to local plan policy making by Medway Council and has had to follow the Medway Council Local Plan review process, which is underway with a target for the Local Plan to be adopted in 2020 (Medway Local Development Scheme January 2018). In earlier stages no sites were supported for housing in the Parish, but the lack of an adopted plan has led to 'speculative planning applications' in Cliffe and Cliffe Woods.

What if I can't make it?

1. The documents will be available on the Parish Council Website's Neighbourhood Plan Page www.cliffeandcliffewoods-pc.gov.uk
2. Register your interest to receive updates by selecting **the Sign up to our Email Alerts** button on the home page or contact the parish council.