

# Neighbourhood Plan Questions

To attempt to answer some questions that have been raised about the Neighbourhood Plan, Itchingfield Parish Council have compiled the following notes.

## **Where can I find the plan?**

The full Neighbourhood Plan is available at [Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan Referendum 4 September 2025](#) . Hardcopies are available for viewing at the Village store or at Horsham District Council's offices.

## **What is the Neighbourhood Plan (NP)?**

The NP is a community led framework to help determine future planning applications in our local area. It was compiled by a workgroup of the Parish Council, commencing in 2015 and taking input from the wider community. As part of the NP process, there was a call for sites within the Parish to local landowners. From the list of sites, and taking account of community input, a shortlist was prepared which met the stipulated local housing need.

The NP proposes two preferred sites for development; the Sumners Field Site, currently under construction, and the Itchingfield School site.

The NP also contains policies relating to the style and type of housing and other constraints that should be considered for local developments. The NP covers the period up until 2031.

More information on the NP process may be found at <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/how-is-a-neighbourhood-plan-made>

## **Why are there additional sites being considered for development?**

The NP is considered alongside the District Council's Local Plan which covers a different period, and other material considerations in determining planning applications in the community. The NP of itself does not preclude other sites being considered for development.

## **What happens if we don't have a NP?**

In the absence of a NP, individual planning applications are considered without reference to the community generated policies contained within the plan. Preferred sites for development contained within the NP could still be put forward for development even if the plan is not adopted.

In addition, the proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to which the Parish Council is entitled is reduced from 25% to 15%. The CIL is a payment that the developer pays to the District Council to support Local Infrastructure development across the district.