

# TILEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## NEWS

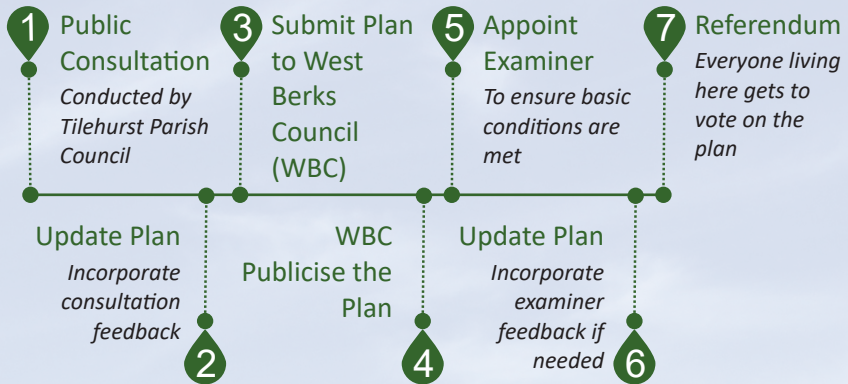
### THE STORY SO FAR

Tilehurst Parish Council (TPC) asked a group of local volunteers to develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) giving residents a say in how our area grows and changes. We launched with public meetings, held a photo competition to see what you like about the area and every household was invited to complete a survey.

We have now finished drafting the NDP.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

There is a formal process, expected to take about a year, before the NDP is adopted.



If it is adopted, the NDP becomes a legal part of the planning process. Every planning application in the area covered by the NDP will be expected to meet its planning policies, and the Parish Council is committed to implementing the action plans included in the NDP.

## What can you do to help?

- Go to our website or Facebook page, sign up to get the latest news, or have a look at the draft plan (<https://tilehurstpcnp.org.uk/>)
- Look out for the public meetings when we launch the consultation
- Give your consultation feedback when invited
- If you want to help out with communications, leafleting, or editing the plan, please get in touch- see overleaf for our contact details.

# WHAT IS IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

The Plan contains a strategic vision for Tilehurst over the next 15 years, summarized in four principles.

## The Four Principles

1. To encourage and make it possible for people to live the whole of their lives in the parish if they so wish.
2. To endeavour to ensure that any new residential developments will be within the existing Settlement Boundary and not in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or other local green spaces.
3. To make provision for the future needs of the community. For example, lifelong housing, cycle paths, children's centres, youth and sports facilities and business hubs.
4. To follow, wherever possible, the recommendations of the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission's report.

The plan is divided into chapters covering topics such as, Housing, Travel, and Infrastructure

Each chapter includes policies and action plans. Policies define requirements that all planning application will be expected to meet. Action plans describe projects and activities that fall outside the scope of planning policies but which will help us deliver the strategic vision.

The plan includes policies on housing development principles, affordable homes, domestic energy and sustainability.

Example action plans and projects include making it easier to use footpaths; encouraging cycling; reducing need for car travel; and the possible development of a new community centre/health hub.

The plan also designates Local Green Spaces (LGS)- a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities. The plan includes two local green spaces: at Pincents Hill and the northwest area of Calcot Golf Course behind existing housing on New Lane Hill.

Other much-loved green spaces within the parish have existing protection via the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Ancient Woodland designations

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