

Agenda

- What is a Neighbourhood Plan
- Process to Follow
- The Vision and Policies
- Referendum of Local Residents
- Future Medway Council Development Control (Planning)

What is a Neighbourhood Plan

(and what it is not)



Cliffe and Cliffe Woods
Neighbourhood Plan

2022 - 2040

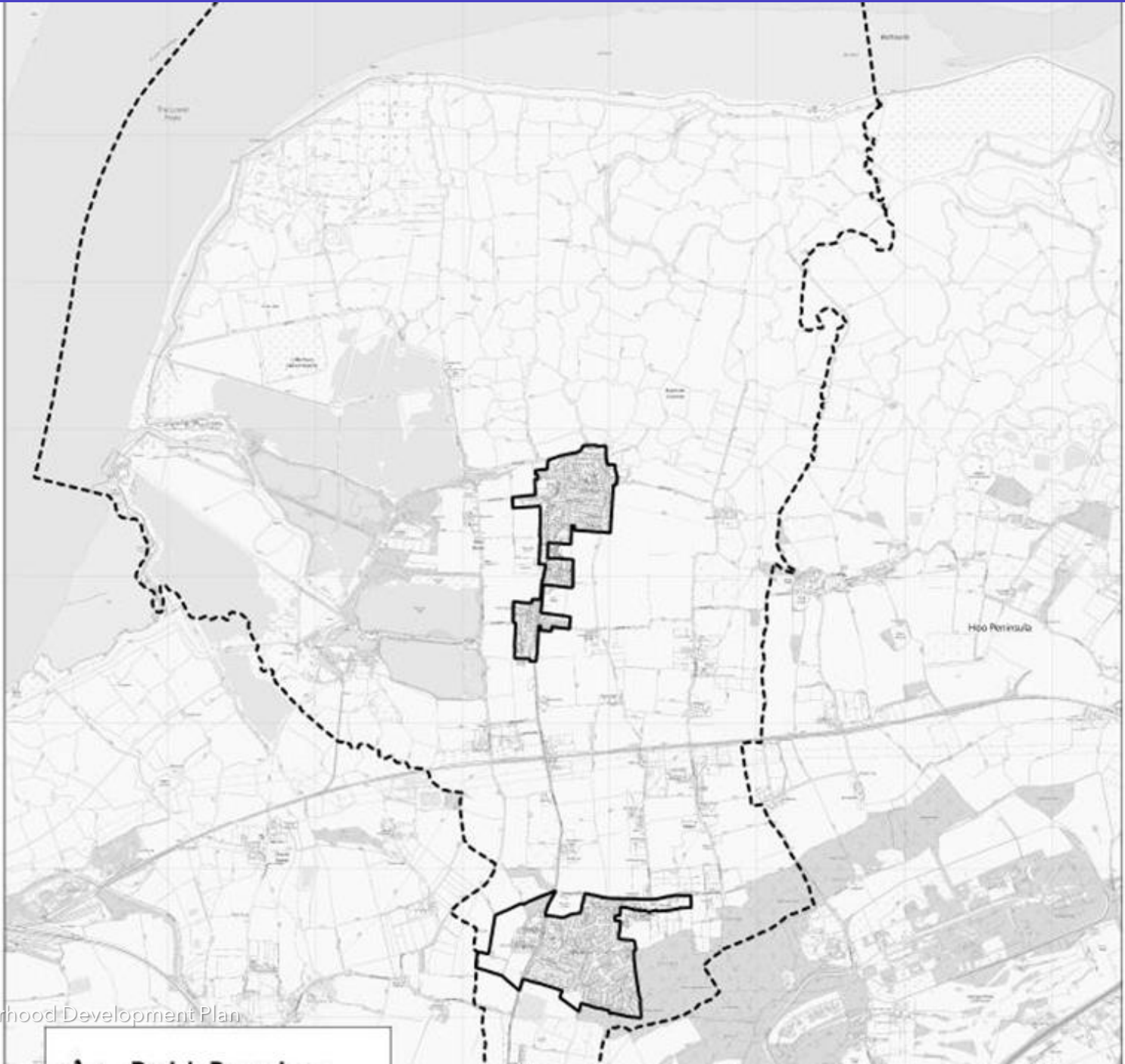
Referendum Version May 2023

What it is

- Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.
- They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.
- Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

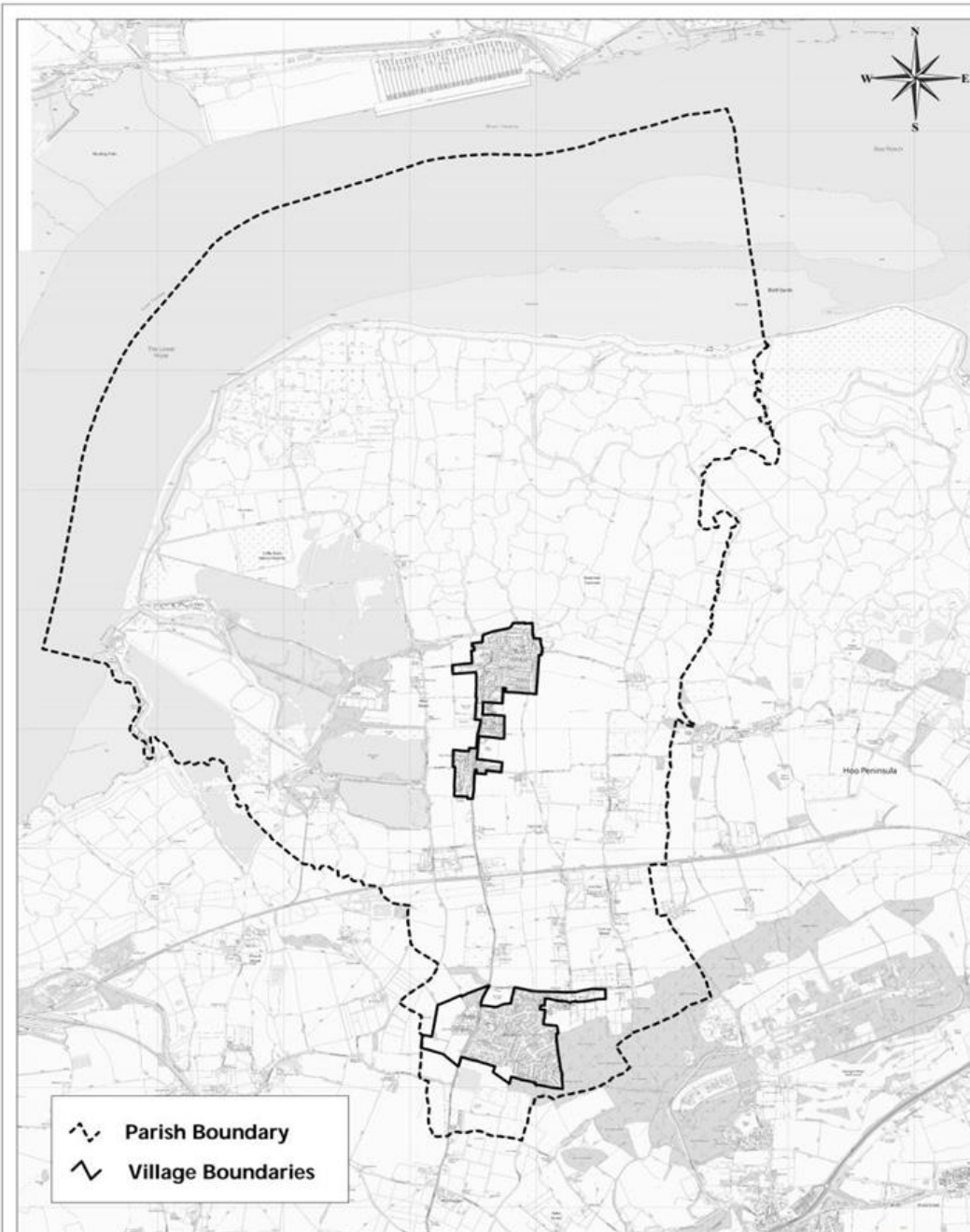
What it is not

- Neighbourhood Planning **does not** prevent development, but can define how it is done, how it looks and the impact it has on the local community, and how it contributes to the local community's priorities.
- It has to conform to the National Planning Policy Framework (it is a part of it)



Process to Follow

Steering Group 2015 - 2023



Village Boundaries

Timeline

| NP Area | Information Gathering 1 | Information Gathering 2 | Regulation 14 &16 | Planning Inspector |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| <p>Start of Process Area Agreed 2015</p> <p>Start of Process</p> <p>Funding from Locality/support from C&CWPC</p> <p>Committee initially established by Nigel Moore after he approached the Parish Council</p> | <p>Parish Survey 07/2015</p> <p>Village Infrastructure Survey 2015</p> <p>Community Planning Workshop 06/2026</p> <p>Visioning Workshop 02/17</p> <p>Transport and employment Workshop 04/17</p> <p>Heritage and Environment Workshop 04/27</p> | <p>Housing and Community Facilities Workshop 07/17</p> <p>Housing Needs Survey (ACRK) 10/17</p> <p>C&CW NHP Steering Group Workshop 02/19</p> <p>Vision, objective and policies exhibitions both Cliffe & Cliffe Woods 07/19</p> | <p>Consultation on first draft NP Medway Council/Kent County Council - heritage and conservation 09/19 - 12/19</p> <p>Regulation 14 (Draft Plan) Consultation COVID</p> <p>Submitted to Medway Council 09/21! - Regulation 16</p> | <p>Planning Inspector examination -</p> <p>Impressed with quality of plan suggested updates (including date and update of stats) agreed and recommended for Referendum 01/2023</p> |

Key Statistics

| Table 1: Cliffe and Cliffe Woods Parish Key Statistics | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Population | Population | No. of Households | |
| | 5,561 | 2,158 | |
| Transport | No. of cars in Parish | No. of households without a car | |
| | 2,159 | 129 | |
| Employment | Persons economically active % | Persons Unemployed % | Persons working at home % |
| | 62.0 | 2.2 | 28 |
| Travel to work | Car as driver % | Train % | Bicycle or walking % |
| | 60.3 | 2.28 | 2.6 |
| <i>Source 2021 census TS066, TS061</i> | | | |

Challenges

- Current Medway Local Plan - **2003 !!!**
 - Uncertainty of updated Local Plan - **was initially due in 2020** (third attempt, still no clarity - 2025 possible)
- National Planning Policy Framework - High housing numbers identified for Medway led to **Developers ability to choose their sites across Medway** - including C&CW (if they could prove they were “sustainable”)
 - Esquire - two sites in Cliffe Woods (one complete)
 - Gladmans/Redrow (Cliffe Woods) - being developed plus new additional proposal
 - 50 Retirement Homes (View Road, Cliffe Woods)
 - TRENPORT Cliffe (initial plans for 500, submitted outline plans for 250 - Appealed against refusal)

The Vision and Policies



The Vision

- “By 2040 the unique rural landscape of Cliffe and Cliffe Woods Parish will continue to be a haven for wildlife and agriculture, and provide homes, jobs and community infrastructure for people by protecting the heritage of the area and enhancing its character through sustainable development.”

Policy Themes

- Sustainable Development
- Economy and Employment
- Environment and Heritage
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Community Facilities and Well Being

Policies 1

- POLICY SUSDEV 1: Settlement coalescence
- POLICY SUSDEV2: Loss of local facilities
- POLICY SUSDEV3: Changes of use
- POLICY SUSDEV4: Character
- POLICY SUSDEV5: Infrastructure Sufficiency Statements

Policies 2

- POLICY H1: Housing on Greenfield Sites
- POLICY H2: Housing Infill
- POLICY H3: Rural Exception sites
- POLICY H4: Conversion of Agricultural Buildings to Residential Use
- POLICY H5: House Extensions outside village boundaries
- POLICY H6: House Design

Policies 3

- POLICY H7: Housing Type and Tenure
- POLICY H8: Housing Density (30 per Acre)
- POLICY CF1: Loss of leisure and recreation facilities
- POLICY CF2: New and Improved provision
- POLICY CF3: Loss of community halls, centres, and places of worship
- POLICY CF4: Allotments
- POLICY CF5: Community Health
- POLICY E&H1: Public Open Spaces

Policies 4

- POLICY E&H2: Biodiversity
- POLICY E&H3: Hidden History
- POLICY E&H4: Design Guidelines
- POLICY ECON&EMP1: Agriculture
- POLICY ECON&EMP2: Recreation and Tourism
- POLICY ECON&EMP3: Change of use
- POLICY ECON&EMP4: Retail

Policies 5

- POLICY ECON&EMP5: New employment space
- POLICY INFRA1: Health Facilities
- POLICY INFRA2: Communications
- POLICY INFRA3: Transport – walking and bridleways
- POLICY INFRA4: Parking – Cars and Cycles
- POLICY INFRA5: Public Transport

Policies 6

- POLICY INFRA6: Public Transport - Cycling in the Neighbourhood Area
- POLICY INFRA7: Road Safety
- POLICY INFRA 8: Provision of outdoor sports pitches
- POLICY INFRA 9: Infrastructure priorities

Referendum of Local Residents

4th May 2023 - Alongside elections for the
Strood Rural Ward on the Medway Council
(Unitary)

The Neighbourhood
Plan is voted on by the
local residents

Options are:

YES to support it

Or

NO to reject it

If a majority of residents support
it - it is passed to Medway
Council (Planning) to adopt and
use on any future planning
applications in our area

Future Medway Council Development Control (Planning)

For our Parish Area, if supported by local residents

Summary

A Local Plan for our Local Area

To be considered for ALL planning applications in our area.

(Trenport Planning Appeal 16th May 2023!)

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Thank you