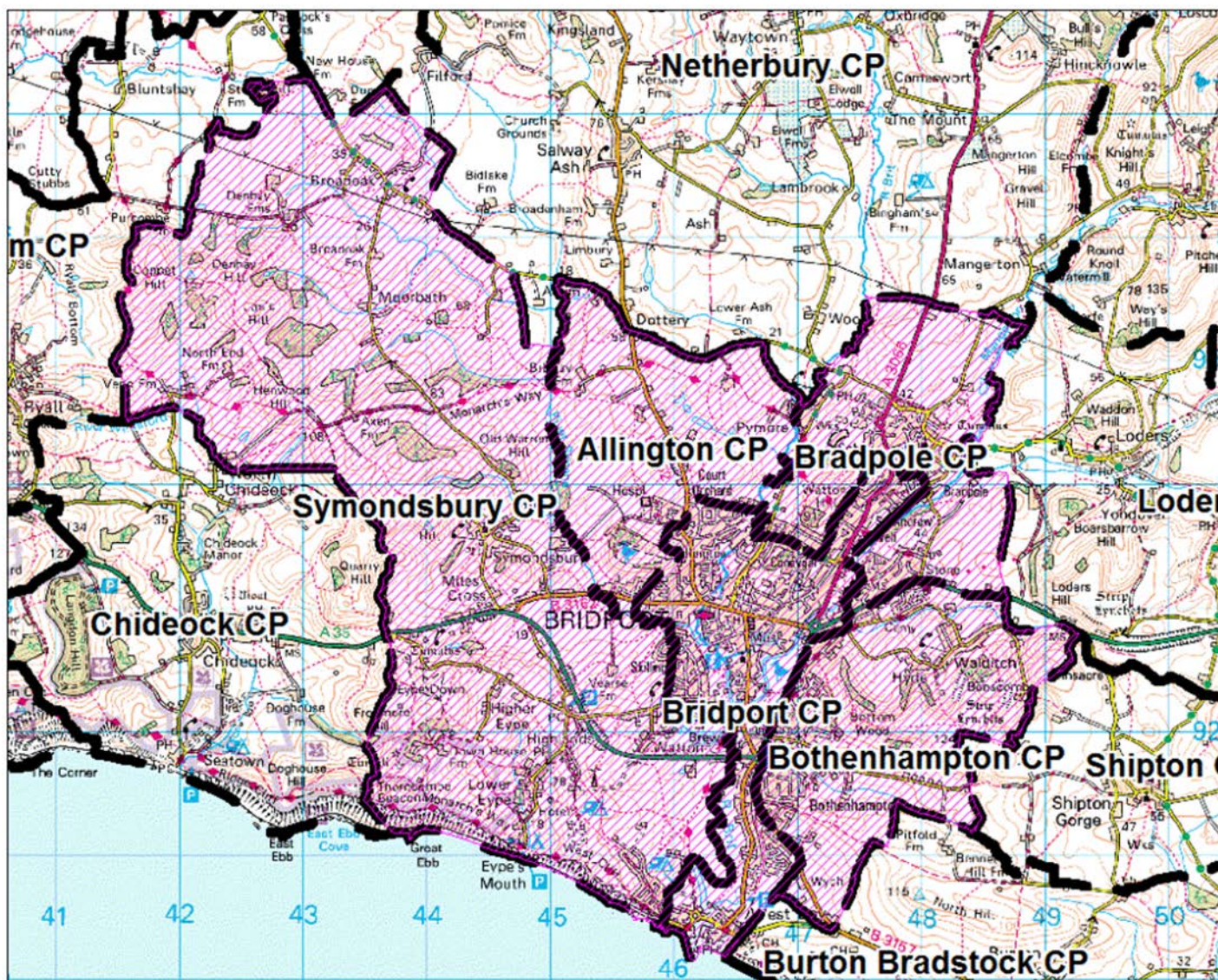


New Neighbourhood Plan

Allington, Bothenhampton and Walditch, Bradpole,
Bridport and Symondsburry

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- New powers & rights introduced by the Localism Act 2011
- Allows you to prepare a plan that:
 - shapes the development & growth of your area
 - sets planning policies to determine planning applications
 - can be general or detailed
 - decides where new buildings & infrastructure should go
 - says what development should look like



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What area will it cover?

It will cover the parishes of:

- Allington
- Bradpole
- Bothenhampton & Walditch
- Bridport
- Symondsburys

Why prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Shared interest between you & your local councils in the future of your area
- The Neighbourhood Plan allows you to:
 - influence the future of your area in terms of development & wider issues
- Collaborative working between you & your local councils:
 - prepare a plan that reflects the needs of your area
 - ensure town & parish councils retain responsibility for their own areas

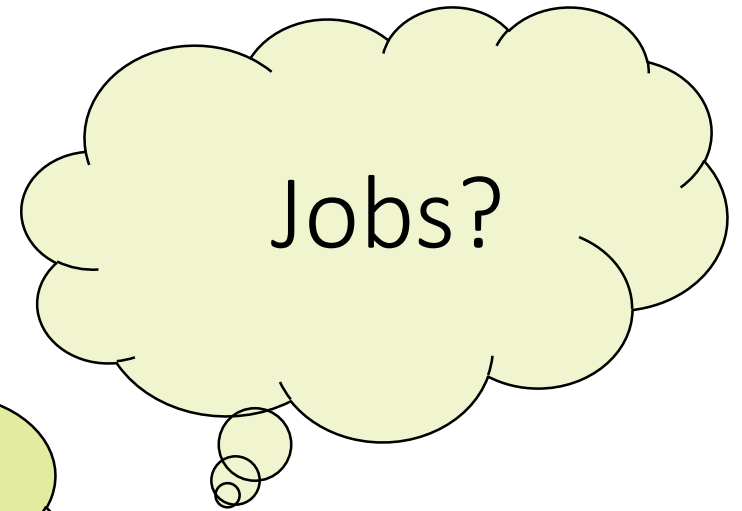
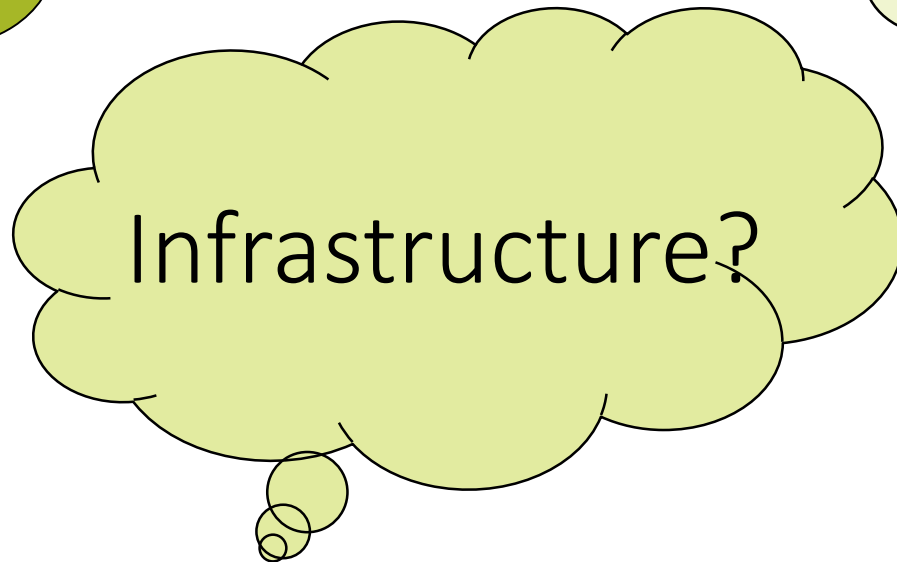
What can Neighbourhood Plans do?

- Set site specific / topic-specific policies
- Influence the delivery & design of new development
- Allocate land for development or extend the defined development boundary
- Set new policies
- Provide design / character guidance
- Identify & protect Local Green Space

Benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan

- For the first time, you can create your own plan to make decisions about what should happen in your area & how it should look
- The Neighbourhood Plan will be one of several legally-binding planning documents (known as the development plan) that will:
 - be used to make planning decisions in your area
 - be used to determine planning applications
 - sit alongside West Dorset District Council's Local Plan
- Sets the vision for the development in your area for the next 10-20 years!

What do you want in the Neighbourhood Plan?



What's the process?

Local
community
develops Plan
district council
has a duty to
support

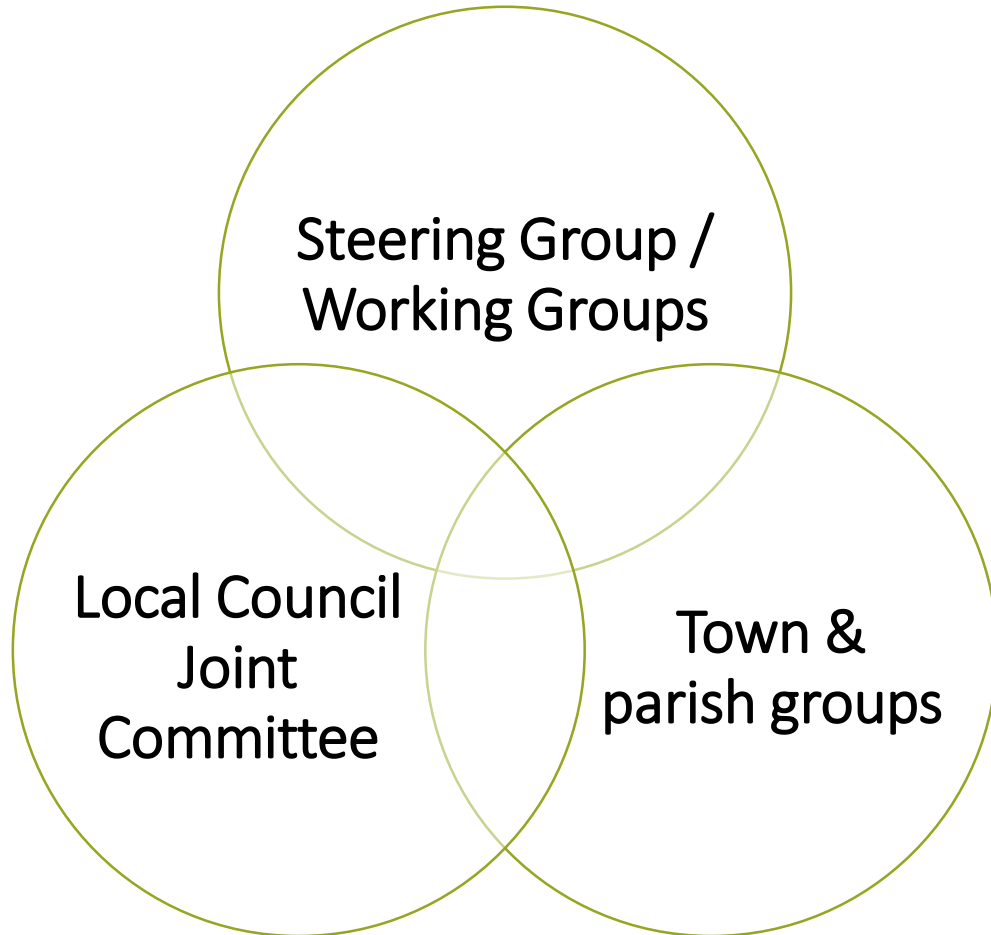
Consultation
min 6 weeks
summarise &
address
concerns

Independent
examination

Submitted to
district council
publicised for
comment
(min 8 weeks)

Local
referendum
'made' if
clear majority
support plan

Who makes the decisions?



- Key decisions always referred back to town & parish councils
- Monitor project implementation & approve funding
- Provide forums for discussions issues with the Plan
- Community & parish representatives meet regularly

What is the Steering Group?

- The Steering Group is responsible for delivering the Neighbourhood Plan:
 - represents the area
 - coordinates engagement with the community
 - identifies resources & funding to support the plan
 - considers reports from the working groups
 - reports back to town & parish councils on key matters
- The Steering Group will be made up of local people:
 - with a wide range of interests, skills and experience
 - a maximum of 12 people on the group
 - monthly meetings open to the public

Neighbourhood Plan

Basic Conditions

Must have regard to the National Planning Policy Framework & Planning Policy Guidance

General conformity with Development Plan / Local Plan policies

Contribute to achieving sustainable development

Compatibility with EU / Human Rights Obligations

Neighbourhood Plan

What it can't do

Promote less development than in Local Plan although it could potentially propose different sites

Prevent development

Stop development that has already been approved through planning

Conflict with National or Local Plan policies

Remove Local Plan allocations but can influence delivery

Cover County Council issues – e.g. minerals and waste

Seek unreasonable demands not backed by evidence



YOUR FUTURE NEEDS

You!

We need volunteers!

- Be on the Steering Group
- Be part of working groups
- Help develop plans / policies
- Facilitate meetings
- Help gather evidence base
- Design logo / website
- Manage social media
- And much, much, more!