

In order to get a Neighbourhood Plan which will positively direct development, the whole community needs to be consulted. This will be done via a questionnaire given to **EVERY** household to be in the Spring 2017.

The questionnaire will ask questions about possible development sites, ask what the key land use issues are (e.g. the need for more play areas, larger car parks, more shops, etc) and many more aspects of neighbourhood planning.

Ultimately, the questionnaire's objective is to discover how **YOU** want to see Hockley Heath develop.

All the questionnaires will be processed by an independent organisation to ensure the integrity of the survey results.

Who leads on the Neighbourhood Plan? By law, the plan has to be led by the Parish Council, but they cannot do this alone. Volunteers from the community have come forward and set up a Steering Group who will guide the overall process. For more information on the Steering Group, the work that they do, and how to get involved, please go to our website: www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.org.uk and look under the heading Neighbourhood Plan.

The Steering Group felt strongly that they needed a way of encouraging the community to come forward and learn about our Neighbourhood Plan, Solihull's Local Plan and the upcoming survey.

For this reason there will be a public consultation & drop-in event on Saturday 14th January 2017 at Hockley Heath Academy

1pm - 6pm

ALL ARE WELCOME.

At this consultation, we will have copies of the Solihull Local Plan with SMBC officers there to help you. Also there will be people there from the Parish Council and from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who will talk with you about the Neighbourhood Plan.



Shaping Your Neighbourhood Plan

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Concerned about how & where development should take place in Hockley Heath?

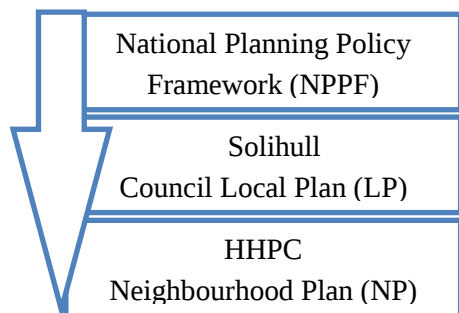
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Like thousands of areas across the UK, Hockley Heath is developing a Neighbourhood Plan. This gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.

Considering the views of our residents is fundamental to the success of the plan. This leaflet gives you some important information and explains how you can have your say. Please take five minutes to read it.

Our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) should support the strategic development needs set out in Solihull's Local Plan and positively support local development as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework.



Once agreed, our NP will have the same legal status as Solihull's Local Plan, and future applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with it,

unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

What is a Local Plan? This is being developed by SMBC. The Local Plan sets out how and where Solihull will develop in the future.

The Local Plan has been through a period of development and evidence gathering, and is now entering consultation.

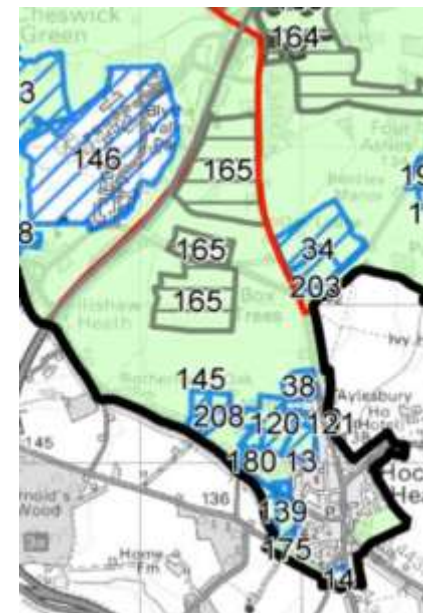
This public consultation on the Local Plan will run until **30th January 2017**. Further information on SMBC's Local Plan is available online at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr. We will also be gathering feedback during our January event, and can include your comments when we write formally to SMBC.

So what? Why should I care?

Developers were asked to put forward possible sites for housing development around the borough and 18 sites were submitted to SMBC in Hockley Heath. Solihull's draft Local Plan has not included any of these and without guidance from SMBC it is even more important that Hockley Heath expresses a view on development preferences.

The land is still owned by developers - do not assume that because SMBC have not taken any of the sites forward that development is not possible in these areas.

Solihull have identified a need to build 15,000 homes between now and 2033, with 5,000 of these expected to be on Green Belt.



What is a Neighbourhood Plan? A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) should support the policies set out in the Local Plan but will put a local slant on these policies. For example, SMBC's draft Local Plan states *"The policy [4(b)] will ensure that the most suitable site in the village [for affordable housing] is used as outlined in the Parish or Neighbourhood Plan"* but this can only be enforced when we have one!