

## Why a plan for Newport Quendon and Rickling?

We live in attractive villages of medieval origin. They are set in a rolling landscape of valleys along an old road improved as a turnpike in the C18th. Housing development in the C20th doubled the size of Newport and brought a new school, doctors surgery and sewage works. With its station and secondary school, it retained many shops, pubs, businesses and village organisations. Quendon and Rickling had a new primary school, but with a smaller scale of development, lost its shops and petrol station but retains a wide range of organisations and a large pub and two churches.

In the C21st, housing recently built, or with permission, will add a third estate along the B1383 in Quendon and Rickling and will increase Newport by 50%. Newport has lost commercial sites to housing, and there will be only minor improvements to the infrastructure and facilities of our villages.

The Localism Act of 2011 offers us a say in the future our villages by allowing us to create policies to guide their development. A Neighbourhood Plan has legal status and carries weight when planning applications are decided. Policies in the plan have to be achievable but the plan can encourage projects people would like to see happen, and it can also provide a platform from which to lobby for better services.



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## Who creates the Plan?

The residents of our villages create the plan. The project is being led by a small team, which includes parish and district councillors. It needs input from residents, businesses, landowners and community organisations. Opinions will be sought via questionnaires, for example on housing needs, and via displays and a website, facebook and the village magazines. It will build on the existing Village Plans and other documents and some specialist advice will be needed.

## What areas could be covered?

**Housing, Planning & Design** – the size and types of housing needed in our villages, design standards, what housing should look like and where it should be

**Green Spaces and Environment** – green spaces and allotments, our natural environment, wildlife habitats, and flooding

**Roads and Getting Around** – parking, road safety, rail and bus services, cycling, walking and footpaths, traffic flow and congestion

**Heritage** – conservation and use of historic buildings and landmarks, and the unique upland landscape character

**Education & Health** – schools, early years provision and health facilities

**Sports, Community & Leisure** – parks, playgrounds, community and sports facilities and places of worship

**Business & Local Economy** – local employment including commercial, retail, tourism and start-ups

## Why does our Plan matter?

More homes are needed across the district but at present their location and type is largely something imposed upon us rather than being our choice. If we have a plan, then we have a say. Our neighbourhood plan will help ensure that development matches our needs now and in the future. It can also identify supporting infrastructure and facilities to maintain and improve our quality of life. Once it is in force, planning applications will be decided by reference to the Neighbourhood Plan, the Local Plan, District Council policies, and the National Planning Policy Framework.

## What a Neighbourhood Plan cannot do

It cannot stop development that is already proposed in the Uttlesford Local Plan, nor can its policies conflict with the Local Plan or national policies.

## What is the plan process?

Work started in October 2016 and it is expected to take about a year to create a draft plan. This then goes to a consultation with the local community and a wide range of consultees. Once views have been taken into account it will be submitted to Uttlesford District Council and then to an independent examiner who will check that it meets legal requirements. Finally it goes to a referendum and if a majority vote Yes, then the plan will have legal status. Our Neighbourhood Plan will be in force until 2031 but will be subject to periodic review.

# GET INVOLVED!



**We are looking for more local residents to get involved and you can do so...**

### ...by Volunteering

A steering group has been formed and is looking for volunteers of all ages to contribute in all kinds of ways, for example to join individual topic teams. Do you have knowledge or a specific interest, such as local history, sport, or natural history or social housing? Would you like to help at consultation events, deliver leaflets or do you have skills such as design, mapping, IT, architecture or project management? Are you enthusiastic about shaping the future of where you live?!

### ...by giving feedback

Your views are essential throughout the process. So please do complete the surveys and attend displays, make suggestions and comments. Keep in touch by signing up for the e-newsletter at [steering.group@nqrplan.org](mailto:steering.group@nqrplan.org) or via the website [www.nqrplan.org](http://www.nqrplan.org) Material will also be posted on the village facebook groups where members can comment, and see comments from others.

