

# Neighbourhood Planning

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A plan that would give the people of Fleet the opportunity and power to shape development and growth within the local area

## How can it be used?

- Develop a shared vision for the area
- Choose where developments should go
- Identify and protect local green space
- Influence what new buildings should look like
- Set out planning policies that can be used when determining planning applications i.e. Hart District Council

## FACTS

Neighbourhood planning is a growing movement.

As of April 2014:

- Around 1,000 communities have taken the first formal steps towards producing a neighbourhood development plan
- 80 full draft plans have been produced for consultation
- 13 neighbourhood plans have been passed at community referendums



# Typical things that a Fleet Neighbourhood Plan might include:

- The development of housing: affordable housing and bringing vacant/ derelict housing back into use
- Provision for businesses to set up or expand their premises
- Transport and access; including issues such as parking, cycling and walking
- The development of community, leisure and entertainment facilities
- The restriction of certain types of development and change of use
- The design of buildings
- Protection and creation of open space, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens and the planting of trees
- Protection of important buildings and historic assets
- Planning policies promoting initiatives against climate change
- Town Centre Regeneration

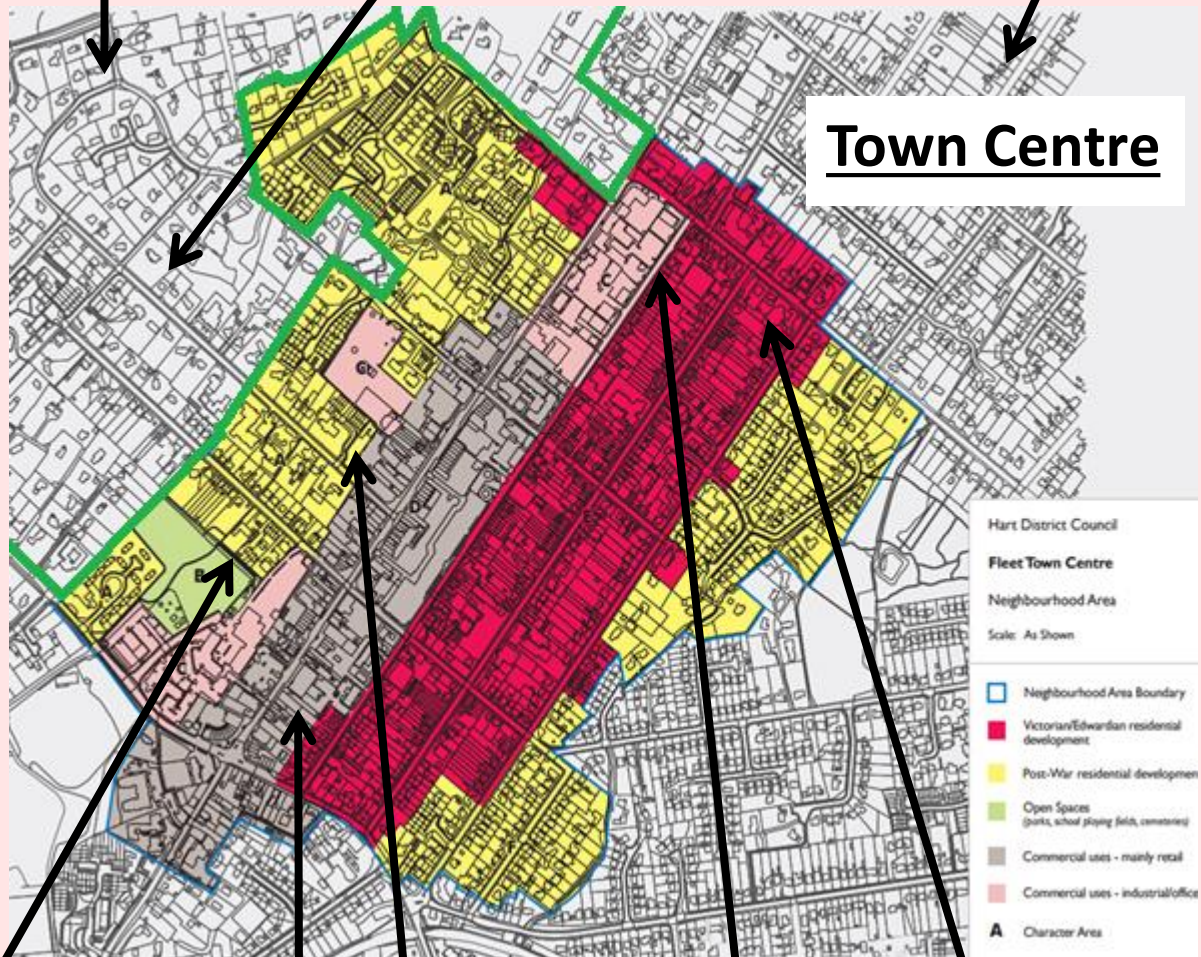


# A Neighbourhood Plan could for example:

Protect Conservation area

Select sites for development

Maintain character of individual areas e.g. Pondtail



Protect Green Spaces/Parks from developments

Balance types of retail outlets i.e. food vs clothing outlets

Ensure developments retain any Victorian or Edwardian features e.g. Gargoyles, fretwork, mosaics

Set parking requirements for developments e.g. minimum number of spaces

Regulate the design of buildings e.g. advertising, shop frontage

# Creating a Neighbourhood Plan



## **Step 1: Getting started – where are we now?**

- The area has been designated – Fleet Parish Boundary
- Funding has been set aside
- A partner has been selected – rCOH
- A steering group has been set up – this group includes community organisations

## **Step 2: Identifying the issues**

## **Step 3: Develop a vision and objectives**

The group has looked at previous work for ideas such as the Fleet Future Town Plan and the Hart District Council Town Centre Vision

## **Step 4: Developing our evidence base for options**

## **Step 5: Draft a plan**

Spring 2016 – an informal plan will be prepared to test ideas/options

## **Step 6: Consultation with the community on draft options**

## **Step 7: Prepare a pre-submission plan**

## **Step 8: Consultation with the community**

Summer 2016 – consultation on pre-submission plan

## **Step 9: Submission**

By the end of 2016 - submit the final documents to Hart District Council

## **Step 10: Independent examination**

To check the plan complies with planning polices

## **Step 11: Referendum**

Voting whether the plan should be used and if so adoption

# Possible features for Fleet's Neighbourhood Plan: Where we are now...

## Potential Key Objectives/Policies

- Increase town centre retail, leisure and cultural space
- Increase provision of smaller housing types in sustainable locations for start up households and downsizers
- Redevelop and reuse sites e.g. Ancells Business Park
- Raise design standards of new developments to reinforce local character
- Protect green assets – designated green spaces, protection for street trees, reconfirm local gaps
- Increase provision of smaller business offices/workshops to meet local needs – more people work in Fleet



# How can you get involved?

There will be a number of different work groups, we are looking for:

- Community volunteers
- Members belonging to the community groups that are already engaged i.e. Fleet Future, BID retailers, Hart Voluntary Action and Fleet & Church Crookham Society

If you would like to get involved in our Neighbourhood Plan please contact Fleet Town Council on 01252 625246

Alternatively you can e-mail Councillor Alan Oliver on:  
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