

**Return Slip** (Tear off slip)

**We need your views on the following:-**

Do you think RPC should develop its own Neighbourhood Plan? Yes/No

Do you think there should be an open Parish Meeting to further discuss the issues? Yes/No

Would you volunteer to be involved in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan? Yes/No

If your answer is yes, please also provide a brief description of any expertise you could bring to a Steering or Working Group. (eg. experience of planning, research, operating a business, service on a committee or council, involvement in a community service, eg WI, charity work, printing etc)

Name:

Address:

Email address/phone number:

Skills you have to offer:

***Return reply slip by 15<sup>th</sup> September to any of the contacts or telephone to have your reply slip collected.***

**Want to know more?**

***Contact us now!***

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# Ripple Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## Shaping our Communities' Future?

The purpose of this pamphlet is to seek your views on whether Ripple Parish Council (RPC) should develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Ripple Parish area including **Ryall, Holly Green, The Grove at Ryall, Naunton, Uckinghall, Ripple and Stratford Bridge.**

### **What is a Neighbourhood Plan? (The Plan)**

A Neighbourhood Plan would set out our communities' priorities, vision and objectives for the next 10 to 15 years and could include residents' views on Planning, Conservation, Local Transport, Community Services, Facilities, and Local Economic Regeneration.

The subjects covered would be entirely dependent on the wishes of our residents.

## **What is a Neighbourhood Plan (The Plan)? Cont...**

A Neighbourhood Plan would not be a substitute for National or Local planning policy and would have to be in general conformity with these policies. However, a Neighbourhood Plan would be written by the local community and would reflect the needs of Ripple residents. A Neighbourhood Plan would be a statutory planning document and would carry weight as a consideration in planning decisions, effectively giving the local community more influence and control over development in Ripple Parish.

## **Who would decide the content of a Neighbourhood Plan?**

RPC would be responsible for the Plan and would set up a Steering Group made up of local residents to agree the scope of the Plan. The Steering Group would seek additional support by establishing Working Groups to research and develop the Plan. Ripple Parish Councillors would be involved on the Steering and Working Groups but the Neighbourhood Plan would be developed by our residents representing a wide range of professional and local knowledge.

## **How much work is involved in developing a Neighbourhood Plan and how long would it take?**

This would depend on the scope of the Plan decided by the Steering Group and the willingness of local residents to offer their expertise. We would expect a Plan to take between 1 to 2 years to develop.

## **How much will cost?**

Inevitably, researching and developing policies would cost some money.

A Government grant of up to £7000 is currently available to support communities preparing Neighbourhood Plans. However, depending on the scope of a Plan, the time and skills available within the community and whether external technical support is required, the cost could be potentially be up to £20,000. These costs would be added to the Parish Precept.

## **What happens after a Draft Plan has been prepared?**

Once a Draft Plan has been prepared, RPC will consult the local residents for 6 weeks. The Draft Plan will then be submitted to Malvern Hills District Council who are required to consult on the Plan for a further 6 weeks. The District Council are also required to

appoint an Independent Examiner to examine the Draft Plan.

Finally, there would be a local referendum to gauge community support for the Plan. If over 50% of those who vote in the referendum, vote in favour, then the Neighbourhood Plan will be adopted.

## **What are the benefits to you of having a Neighbourhood Plan?**

- An approved Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory planning document, so its policies would carry weight as a consideration in planning decisions by Malvern Hills District Council and Planning Inspectors.
- The Community could benefit from 25% of the revenues from the Community Infrastructure Levy on further new developments sites identified in the Plan.
- A Plan would also enable RPC to develop its business plan in accordance with the wishes of its residents.

**For further information on Neighbourhood Plans see: [www.planningportal.gov.uk/inyourarea/neighbourhood](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/inyourarea/neighbourhood)**