

# What is Neighbourhood Planning?



Prime Minister David Cameron

“We’re giving local people more power over what happens in their neighbourhood – so communities can come together to keep pubs open, stop post offices from closing, run parks and take control over the look and feel of new developments in their area”.



Greg Clark MP, former Minister for Planning & Decentralisation

“We want local people to be able to make more of their own choices about what their home town should look like in the future... Localism in planning will create the freedom and the incentives for those places that want to grow, to do so, and to reap the benefits. It’s a reason to say ‘yes’”.

Making more choices about what places should look like

Releasing information & power

Taking control over the look & feel of new developments

Choosing to grow & reaping the benefits

**Neighbourhood Plans** are part of neighbourhood planning and are optional for parish councils. In simple terms, they effectively become part of the Local Plan and are of equal importance. Neighbourhood Plans must pass an independent examination and a parish referendum. They must work with and not against the Local Plan, but can add local detail, plan extra growth and facilitate local projects.