

Claverham Future

Over the next 10+ years
what would you like
to preserve? What would
you like to change?

+++ have your say +++



Why a Neighbourhood Plan?

N Somerset Council has not planned for Claverham to develop outside the village settlement boundary.

However pressure from Government for new houses means we are having to respond to speculative planning applications, such as at Chestnut Drive.

By preparing our own plan the village can influence **what development** should take place and **where**.

REMEMBER decisions on approval of planning applications are out of our hands **UNLESS** we create a Neighbourhood Plan!

The Neighbourhood Plan must reflect the **views of the local community**. You will be consulted at each stage of the process on:

1. the Issues
2. the Draft Plan
3. N Somerset Council's formal consultation
4. a Local Referendum on the final version of the Plan

The last stage is critical and every registered voter in the area can take part. Over **50%** of those that vote must be in favour of the Plan before it can be adopted. We want the Plan to fairly reflect the views of residents and businesses in Claverham so it will get strong support at the referendum.

Our Village , Our Plan , Our Future

Claverham Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Thursday 16th July 2015 8.00 for 8.15pm to 9.30pm

Claverham Village Hall

Please come along and give us your views and ideas about Claverham's future

Alternatively, email us at ClaverhamFuture@gmail.com or post replies in boxes in Poppies and the Village Hall



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Plan which is concerned with development and land use within a Neighbourhood Area (see the map in the entrance of the Village Hall).

Local communities across England are preparing their own Plans for their neighbourhood to take control of where any development should take place, what it should look like or which special areas should be protected.

It can't overrule Government or strategic local plan policies but, once adopted, will let the village decide locally :

- ⇒ **how Claverham should develop**
- ⇒ **what housing or infrastructure is required**
- ⇒ **what employment possibilities are needed**

A working group of Claverham residents, on behalf of the Parish Council, are overseeing the process. Please let us know if you want to be involved.

The Target Programme for the Plan

The Plan could be completed within around 18 months and the key stages are:

June – August 2015: Issues and Options consultation

September – November 2015: Writing the Draft Plan

November – December 2015: Consultation

January – March 2016: Write the Final Plan, consult and submit to the Council for approval

April – June 2016: The Independent Examination

September 2016: The Local Referendum

October – November 2016: Adoption of the Plan

How can You Help?

We are in the first stage of preparing the Plan. Over the next couple of months, we will be contacting all of the **residents and businesses** in the Neighbourhood to get their views.

Keep a look out for the posters and adverts for the exhibitions and drop in sessions. Tell your friends in the village and please come along. We are interested in **everyone's opinions** – children and adults alike.

You will also be able to make your views known using email and updates will be available on our website, which is currently under construction. (More details to follow in future newsletters / correspondence.)

Please come along to the meeting on Thursday 16th July at 8.00pm. If you cannot make the meeting and / or have something you would like to say NOW, please use the form below.

We really want to hear from you !



Optional Comments Form

Please complete and return to the boxes at Claverham Village Hall or Poppies
or scan and email to ClaverhamFuture@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate the number of people in your household in each age group / gender.

	Male	Female
Under 18		
18—24		
24—65		
65 +		

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

We will only use your email address to contact you about the Plan

Issue 1:

Issue 2:

Issue 3:

Any other comments

I do / do not plan to attend the meeting on Thursday 16th July. (Please delete as appropriate)