



# **Neighbourhood Plan Forum**

**Thursday 16th July 2015**

**7.30 – 9.30 p.m.**

**Horsecastle Chapel**

**Welcome and introductions**



# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

1. Defined area for Yatton and Claverham. Developing the dialogue.
2. Community led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area.
3. The use and development of land and may contain vision, aims and planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development.
4. Wide range of social, economic and environmental issues e.g. housing, employment, heritage and transport.
5. May only focus on one or two issues only that are related relevant to the whole neighbourhood or just part.
6. Must comply with European and national legislation.
7. Must have regard to national policy and generally conform to the existing strategic local planning policy.
8. It should not promote less development than that identified in the development plan for the local area and can allow greater growth.
9. It can specify policies and guidance on how new development should be designed orientated and located.



# This is for the community to decide

- Community engagement and proportionate evidence base
- Provide good understanding of the views, aspirations, wants and needs of local people.
- Ensures widest participation of children, young people and adults
- The hidden population



# What are the benefits ?

- Community led - Community groups and organisations
- More influence – Statutory development decisions made on the basis of the Plan
- More relevance – based on specifications from the community, design, affordable housing, preferred sites
- Establishing a dialogue – communicate with a range of organisations, departments and local partners.
- Site allocation – allows the community to develop criteria and choose which sites are allocated and for what kind of development.



# What do we need to consider ?

- How do we create a group of people to take this project forward ? What skills are required?
- How do we get the community involved? Who are the stakeholders?
- Identifying the issues. What should be the key themes in the Neighbourhood Plan ?

# Three key tasks





- What do we do next ?
- How do we resource it ?
- Action—What ? Who ? When ?

## **Postcards for the future.**

- What would you like to contribute as an individual or member of a group or organisation ?