

Neighbourhood Plan

(Summary of report to the Annual Parish Meeting, May 2019)

- ❖ The Draft Plan was finished before Easter and passed to the Borough Council for review
- ❖ It contains all of the policies that we consulted on last year – covering the period up to 2036 consistent with the Local Plan currently under review
- ❖ There is a new introductory section which contains additional background on the Parish (requested by the PC) and sets out the issues and opportunities facing the community
- ❖ In addition there are a number of Evidence Documents - including the results of community consultation feedback, information about the socio-economic profile of the Parish, the local economy, our heritage, landscape & biodiversity and a technical document that reports the results of water quality investigations in the parish
- ❖ Planning Officers are happy with the Plan and it is now proceeding through the next stages. Initially, this involves a formal SEA Screening process to decide whether the Plan should be subjected to a Strategic Environmental Assessment. The Statutory Authorities (Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England) are being consulted on this and we expect a response in the next 4 weeks.
- ❖ If an SEA is not required the Plan can proceed to a 6 week public consultation period (Regulation 14 Consultation), followed by submission to the BC, a further 6 week consultation period and then an Examiner will then be appointed to review the Plan.