

Key points to consider before preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

Before you consider preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, it is important to think about the key issues in your local area and how you might want to address these in broad terms. The key points you should consider are:

- What are the local issues in your area and what are you trying to achieve from a Neighbourhood Plan?
- Is a Neighbourhood Plan the best tool for the job, or are there other methods of trying to achieve your aims? For example a Neighbourhood Development Order.
- Neighbourhood Plans can address a range of social, economic and environmental issues, or simply focus on one or two aspects. What will the focus of your Neighbourhood Plan be?
- What period will the Neighbourhood Plan cover; 5 years, 10 years, 20 years?
- Be mindful that the preparation of Neighbourhood Plan can take an average time of 2 years.
- Who will be involved? A Neighbourhood Plan working group can be ideal for sharing individual tasks and working to

achieve a collective goal. What type of skills base does the group have?

- What financial and community resources are available in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan?
- What timescales are you working towards for completing a Neighbourhood Plan?