

North and Middle Littleton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan



Neighbourhood Plan

What is it?

Community power to shape local development

What It Allows

- Neighbourhood Plans set local planning policies
- Development Orders let communities grant planning permission
- Right to Build Orders support community-led building projects

How It Works

- Communities guide where development goes
- Communities influence what development looks like
- Plans become part of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021-2041, jointly prepared by the three authorities of Malvern Hills, Wychavon and Worcester City.
- Policies are used in planning decisions and appeals

What It *Cannot* Do

- Block development already allocated in the Local Plan

Core Benefit

Neighbourhood planning gives communities a real voice in shaping growth, design, and place-making

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Key Background

- Neighbourhood Plans were first introduced by the Localism Act (2011)

• A Neighbourhood Plan must comply with:

- South Worcestershire Development Plan Review – March 2026
 - National Planning Policy Framework – August 2026
 - Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations – 2012

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Why Do We Need a Neighbourhood Plan?

⚠️ Without a Neighbourhood Plan

- Developers can ignore the parish's wishes
- The parish has no formal policies developers must follow

✅ With a Neighbourhood Plan

- Developers must consider parish policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan
- The Neighbourhood Plan gives the parish a stronger voice in shaping development

📊 Housing Pressure

- Wychavon District Council must deliver a five-year housing land supply
 - Target: Minimum of 5124 homes (≈ 1026 per year)
- Source: South Worcestershire Councils: Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report (Jan 2026)

🎯 Core Message

A Neighbourhood Plan ensures parish priorities cannot be ignored and gives the community real influence over future development.

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Who Else Locally Has a Neighbourhood Plan?

✓ Parishes With an Adopted Neighbourhood Plan

- Harvington
- Pebworth
- Cleeve Prior
- Honeybourne
- Broadway

🔄 Parishes Currently Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan

- Fladbury
- Offenham
- Childswickham

🎯 Core Message

Neighbourhood Plans are becoming standard practice across local parishes, strengthening community influence over development.

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Progress so far



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Next Steps



Future Timeline



> **Flexibility:** Dates may alter as circumstances dictate.

Funding for the Neighbourhood Plan



WDC Grant

Up to £10,000 from Wychavon District Council to cover the bulk of the cost of preparing the *Neighbourhood Plan*.



SSE Community Fund Grant

Funding from Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) Community Fund to support development of the *Neighbourhood Plan*.



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How will parishioners be involved?

-  Parishioner views were established through a household questionnaire in June 2026
-  Further views are being collected at this 'Drop-in' session
-  The draft Neighbourhood Plan will be published in October 2027 for parishioners to comment on
-  A referendum on adopting the plan will be organised and run by Wychavon District Council (WDC) in April 2028

What happens after the plan is adopted

-  The Neighbourhood Plan will have a five-year lifespan
-  After that period, it must be reviewed and re-adopted





