



Neighbourhood Planning Workshop

Wednesday 4th March 2020, 10am –3.30pm

Wilstead Village Hall, Wilstead, Beds MK45 3BX

CPRE Bedfordshire is pleased to present a one-day workshop to bring together representatives from Parish and Town Councils in Bedfordshire to learn and share experiences of Neighbourhood Planning.

The event aims to provide information and to offer opportunities for discussion across a range of interest levels, from councils thinking about starting a Neighbourhood Plan, to those who are well advanced or already have an adopted plan. The programme is designed to provide time for delegates who are well advanced in their plan making to share their experience with those that are at an early stage, as well as opportunities for early and advanced planning groups to discuss and share experiences with others at a similar stage.

The workshop will include input from a keynote speaker, Dave Chetwyn, who is a leading expert on neighbourhood planning. Dave is already providing consultancy support to several planning groups in Bedfordshire. He will give an opening address that will highlight the benefits of neighbourhood planning and how to make an effective plan.

The discussion groups provide opportunities for delegates to focus on their specific needs, for example, to think about whether a neighbourhood plan would benefit their community, and for groups at an advanced stage, to exchange ideas about completing and implementing their plan.

Lunch will be provided and tea and coffee will be available throughout the day.



Dave Chetwyn is Managing Director of Urban Vision Enterprises CIC, an Associate to the Consultation Institute, and a Design Council CABE Built Environment Expert. He acts as planning adviser to Locality and as a consultant specialist on Crossrail Thames Tunnels Section. He has also acted as a neighbourhood plan independent examiner. Other roles include Chair of the Historic Towns Forum and Vice Chair (Third Sector) of the National Planning Forum. Dave has advised various Government departments, groups, reviews and Parliamentary select committees on planning, regeneration, heritage, urban design, economic development, state aid and community empowerment. He was the author of the Locality Roadmap Guide to Neighbourhood Planning.

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Programme

9.30 am Arrival and registration

10.00 am Welcome and introduction

10.10 am Keynote speaker – Dave Chetwyn

- Why develop a Neighbourhood Plan for my community?
- How do we begin?

10.40 am Parish Clerk perspective – Ann Paice, Parish Clerk, Oakley Parish

11.10 am Keynote speaker – Dave Chetwyn

- What makes an effective plan?
- What works/doesn't work?

11.40 am Discussion group session 1a (Delegates at the decision stage)

- Is making a Neighbourhood Plan a good choice for my parish or town?
- Can we manage the workload?

Discussion group session 1b (Well advanced and adopted plan parishes and towns)

- What have been the most challenging aspects of making our plan?
- Are we clear about what we expect our plan to deliver?

12.10 Discussion group 2a (Parishes and towns at the decision stage)

- What do I need to help me to decide whether to start a Neighbourhood Plan?

Discussion group 2b (Well advanced and adopted plan parishes and towns)

- What do we need to do to finish our plan or to implement our plan effectively?

12.40 pm Lunch (provided)

1.30 pm Plenary session - feedback from discussion groups

2.15 pm Q&A session to Panel members - Including Dave Chetwyn and Ann Paice.

3.00 pm Closing remarks followed by refreshments and a chance to network.