

# **What is a Neighbourhood Plan**

**A neighbourhood plan (NP) is a community led plan for guiding the future of an area. It is about the use and development of land and can include ideas and proposals for future developments.**

**An NP will be part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area. This gives an NP far more weight than previous village or community plans.**

**An NP must comply with national legislation and contribute to sustainable development. It can specify on how future changes should be designed and located.**

**The production of an NP requires community involvement at every stage of the process and finally the community has a vote on whether to accept the plan.**

**An NP for a community is one of the key documents in future planning decisions.**

# **Why does Ringmore need a Neighbourhood Plan**

**Ringmore Parish Council has instigated the Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan.**

- 1. The PC is promoting this NP because it gives your Parish a stronger voice than was previously available to us.**
- 2. The NP enables communities to take the lead and gives them influence and more control over planning the future of Ringmore Parish. It will have real legal force.**
- 3. The plan can also guide infrastructure development in dealing with problems e.g. traffic, sewage, electricity supply.**
- 4. The plan is also a key document in improving the “sustainability” of an area.**
- 5. The NP will allow Ringmore Parish to influence the type and size of future housing and help to protect other areas from development.**
- 6. The draft Joint Local Plan (JLP) currently states that Ringmore will sustain between 10 and 20 houses initially\*, the NP is the Parish’s way of guiding this process. [\*This clause in the JLP is currently under review].**

- 7. The NP is the only way to address the subject of second home ownership for new houses. e.g. the St Ives model.**
- 8. Any area that does not have a Neighbourhood Plan has no control over future housing development. Without an NP this would be solely in the hands of the Landowner, the Developer and the Planners. In the absence of an NP, the SHDC can assume that the Parish is neutral to any proposed development.**

# **Your Thoughts and Ideas Matter**

**We have arranged a number of boards with titles relevant to the future of the Parish.**

**Please write your thoughts and ideas on a Post-It note and stick it under the appropriate title.**

**You can make as many contributions under as many titles as you wish.**

**The results of today's consultation will be collated and published in the Newsletter and on the Parish Website.**

**This is only the first step and there will be further public consultations before the plan is formalised.**