

BRIMSCOMBE AND THRUPP NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

WE'RE DOING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN!

Work is now well underway to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole of the Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish – that's all of YOU.

It might well take a year or so to clear all the formal planning system hurdles but, once that's done, the Neighbourhood Plan will set YOUR principles for what development happens where in YOUR area and what should NOT happen. *(PS. With a few provisos – see next sheet.)*

Once complete, the plan will also ensure that the Parish gets some £££££ for local projects from any new development.

Look at the following sheets for more detail. Don't miss out on the call for help and, very topically, why not come along and join us tomorrow for our highly enjoyable 'Design Day' (see last sheet).

You will probably know one of the Steering Group, some of them here today, but be sure to chat to them here or in the street to find out more.

Also, follow us on

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OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CAN

The Neighbourhood Plan is about planning and development, so that tells us the sorts of things we can (and can't) include.

Your Plan can:

- 'Allocate' sites for small, new housing (and perhaps other) developments.
- Set design standards to ensure new buildings respect our local character.
- Protect from development, by 'designating', locally valued green spaces.
- Protect, even create new, wildlife corridors.
- Protect key views into and out of our built areas.
- Help to retain local facilities such as shops and meeting places.
- Improve broadband provision.
- Ensure good community engagement in all future developments.

Your Plan can't affect directly but can influence (for example):

- Exactly what types of houses are built.
- Traffic and transport issues.
- Parking.
- Renewable energy.

Though we're still learning about all this, please ask if you have any questions.

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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

This is really important! Some key decisions have already been taken in Stroud District Council's Local Plan:

- Developments to include housing and some employment are allocated for:
 - Brimscombe Mill (40 homes) and Ham Mill (100 homes – now approved).
 - Brimscombe Port will be developed for around 150 homes, employment units, reinstatement of the canal and basin, and some community facilities.
- (All housing developments must include 30% 'affordable' units.)
- Developments for new employment uses are allocated for:
 - Griffin Mills
 - Hope Mills
 - Phoenix Industrial Estate.
- Depending on timing, we may be able to influence the design of these developments and get some £££££ from them.

In terms of the Neighbourhood Plan, we have to produce a lot of really thorough evidence if we are to survive any challenges by landowners and developers. So we are currently on our way to produce evidence on:

- Possible development sites.
- Locally distinctive design character.
- Local Green Spaces.
- 'Green Infrastructure' (paths, green areas, wildlife corridors etc.).
- Key views.
- Local facilities.

BUT now move on

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YOUR PLAN NEEDS YOU!

Steering Group members can meet on their own, produce evidence on their own, make draft proposals on their own and then ask 'everybody' what they think.

That's not good enough, however, because there is a lot of evidence to collect, because you will know more and different things than Steering Group members and because we'd really like many more people to get genuinely involved, not just react.

But this does not mean signing your life away! There are lots of different things to do and some of them might take no more than an hour or two of your time as and when suits you. And, of course, the more people we get involved, the less there is for each person to do!

Would you be willing (in principle for now) to help with:

- Checking possible development sites?**
- Checking possible Local Green Spaces?**
- Getting evidence on landscape, greenery, wildlife issues?**
- Auditing all our local facilities.**
- Recording key views?**

If so, please chat to one of the Steering Group.

(One more sheet to go)

DESIGN DAY – TOMORROW!

- Do you want developers to use ‘anywhere’ designs that don’t fit with the locally distinctive character of your area?
- Or do you want designs that ‘fits’ our local character?

We think you’d prefer the latter, but how can developers and designers do that if we don’t explain what we mean by the local distinctiveness of Brimscombe and Thrupp?

It’s easy: we produce, as part of the Neighbourhood Plan, a DESIGN STATEMENT and for that we need lots of local opinions, judgements, views evidence.

We are starting this process tomorrow, Sunday, with an interesting, enjoyable and very practical day workshop – our DESIGN DAY.

- The workshop starts at 10.30 and finishes at 3.45 (lunch provided!).
- You start at the Brewery then go out to do some ‘surveys.’
- Then you bring together all your thoughts and share them back at the Brewery.

The surveys, well proven with all sorts of communities, will make you look and think. Their intriguing titles are: ‘Beating the Bounds’, ‘Know Your Place’ and ‘Serial Vision’ – all explained tomorrow.

Please, please sign-up with someone here. All you need (apart from the time) might be a digital camera or smart phone (with its charging lead); we provide maps, pens, pencils, clipboards the lot! Children from around 9/10 years up very welcome.

PS. If you can’t make it all day, come at around 2.30 to hear back from all the surveyors? Again, good to let us know.

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