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in it  
for you?

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*You're invited*  
**Drop-in Event**

**The Guide Hut**  
**Station Road**

**Saturday**  
**11<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**10.30am to 15.30pm**

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The Neighbourhood Plan is supported by  
the Gerrards Cross Town Council.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

*We have identified some aims  
and objectives and we want  
to know if you agree with  
them and whether we have  
forgotten anything.*

**COME AND HAVE  
YOUR SAY.**



## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Neighbourhood Development Plans become part of the Local Plan and the policies contained within them are then used in the determination of planning applications.

In very simple terms, a neighbourhood plan is:

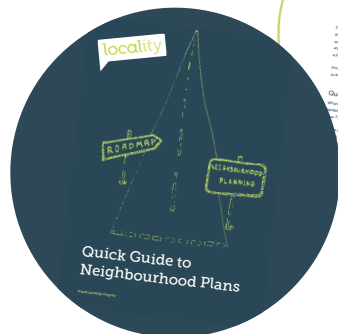
- A document that sets out planning policies for the area – planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications
- Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority
- A powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place.

Local people can create a plan that allows them to develop planning policies that reflect the priorities of their area and have real legal weight. The whole community then decides at a referendum vote whether the local authority should bring the plan into force.

A neighbourhood plan is an important document with real legal force, therefore there are certain formal procedures that it must go through.

To find out more about the process have a look at this step-by-step guide.

<http://locality.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Quick-Guide.pdf>



## Vision, Aims and Objectives:

Thriving Town Centre  
Safe Environment  
Protecting Heritage & Character  
For All Community Spirit  
Vibrant Local Economy  
Good Design  
A Town for all ages  
Welcoming  
Community Facilities



### Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

**Neighbourhood Area**  
The first step in producing a Neighbourhood Plan is to establish the Neighbourhood Area. This is the area over which the plan will be made. It must be a continuous area of land, and it must be in the local planning authority's area. The area must also be a community with a distinct identity.

**Qualifying Bodies**  
The Neighbourhood Plan must be made by a qualifying body. This can be a parish council, a town council, or a community development finance corporation. The qualifying body must be a body that is established for the purposes of the community and has no other significant functions.

### Bringing the Plan into Force

**Pre-Submission Consultation**  
Before a Neighbourhood Plan can be submitted to the local planning authority, the qualifying body must carry out a pre-submission consultation. This is a process of consulting the community on the proposed plan. It must be carried out in a way that is open and transparent, and it must be carried out before the plan is submitted.

**Submitting the Plan**  
Once the pre-submission consultation has been completed, the qualifying body can submit the Neighbourhood Plan to the local planning authority. The plan must be submitted in a specific format, and it must be accompanied by a statement of community support.