

BROAD CHALKE



“YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS
YOU”

**VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM FOR
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN!**

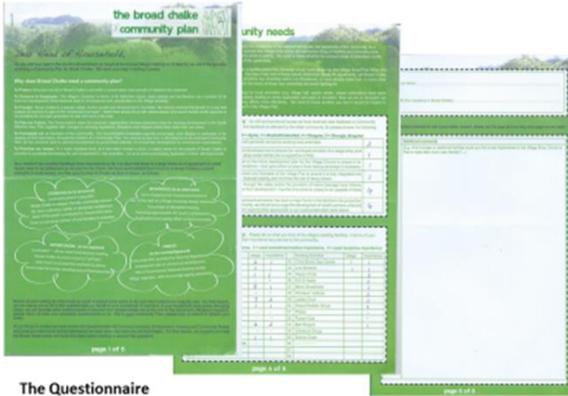
THURSDAY 1ST JULY – VILLAGE HALL

WHY?

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This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take control of our own future, rather than leave it to central Government and outside developers.

HOW DID WE CREATE THIS OPPORTUNITY?



Some five years ago, we conducted an extensive **questionnaire** into *your* concerns and future aspirations for Broad Chalke. The feedback was amazing and confirmed that residents feel strongly about our village environment, and its future as a thriving community.

We wrote this feedback up into a draft **Neighbourhood Plan** and have fine-tuned it steadily since - based on feedback from annual village meetings (except 2020 due to Covid), further village consultations, and regular updates in the Broadsheet. So, this is **Our Plan**, reflecting *our* needs & aspirations as a community.

Broad Chalke **Neighbourhood Plan** **2019-2026**

SO HOW DO WE MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

To get **Our Plan** adopted as official government policy, the village now needs to endorse its support for it *via* a Referendum organised by Wiltshire Council. Provided at least 50% of those voting tell Wiltshire Council they support the Plan, it becomes official - and we gain control of our own future.



Hence this plea for as many people as possible to support the Plan on 1 July.

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced as a way of decentralising decision-making, empowering communities, and increasing local democracy – and we have embraced this opportunity whole-heartedly. It came at a time when government housing targets were threatening the imposition of a *pro-rata* quota of some 40 new houses to be built in Broad Chalke, and unplanned development was threatening the natural and built environment of our village. The mere fact that we opted to write our own planning document, (limiting development strictly to our own needs and standards), has staved off these threats so far. ***But to ensure we remain in control of events in the future, we need your support to make the Plan official on 1 July.***

Broad Chalke Neighbourhood Plan – has been available to read in draft form in the Hub and on village websites throughout its development.

The final version can now be viewed on the following websites:

Wiltshire Council: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-consultations

Broad Chalke Parish Council: www.broadchalkeparishcouncil.com

Broad Chalke Village Website: broadchalke.info/index.php

Hard copies of the Plan will also be available for sale in the Hub from 1 June. Whether you are a newcomer to the village or a long-term resident, you will find it a good summary of local needs and our plans to address them – all of which have come from village residents via the consultation process. The Plan is richly illustrated with maps, diagrams and colour pictures and is easy to read. Please take the time to do so – we think you will be impressed and find that it has picked up your feedback in a balanced way. Wiltshire Council have described it as one of the best Neighbourhood Plans they have seen.

WANT TO KNOW EVEN MORE? – Come to our pre-referendum meetings:

Tue 22nd & Tue 29th June starting at 7pm pm in the Village Hall

These friendly Covid-compliant drop-in sessions will consist of short updates by Tom Hitchings (chairman PC), Ashley Truluck (neighbourhood plan author) and Dan Richter (affordable housing project manager) at 7.15pm and 8 pm. In between times, refreshments will be served; there will be displays illustrating The Plan and its consultation process, and architect's drawings of the small affordable housing development; and we will be available to answer questions informally. ***The sessions are for your benefit - please come along.***

THE PLAN'S KEY THEMES. *Here is a quick summary:*

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1. Introduction: An overview of what makes Broad Chalke special and why we need our own Development Strategy to keep it so.

2. Our Natural Environment: Stressing our position as a conservation village within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) – and deducing our local policies for green areas, flood risk, ecology, and dealing with the effects of climate change.

3. The Built Environment: An analysis of the village's character areas, heritage and vernacular architecture, open spaces, and iconic views – leading to a list of buildings and places to be protected and a *Village Design Statement* setting design standards for future development.



4. Meeting Local Housing Needs: The Plan establishes the key principle that local housing development will take place *in response to local needs only*. Our *Housing Needs Survey* fixed this need as 6 x affordable homes and 3 x market homes to meet the needs for young families, and older residents wishing to

downsize respectively – and after extensive site and environmental surveys, locations for these have been deduced.



5. Sustaining our Community: The Plan concludes by setting out a range of policies for enhancing community spirit, amenities, and safety.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Your Parish Council and a team of dedicated volunteers have been working on our Neighbourhood Plan for over five years. The village has engaged enthusiastically and shown strong support throughout that time. Your Parish Council has endorsed the Plan and commends the final version to you. We now just need to vote the Plan in on 1 July. ***If we don't take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shape our own future, we will only have ourselves to blame if government officials or commercial developers do it for us.***

VOTE FOR BROAD CHALKE ON 1st JULY – VILLAGE HALL - 7 am to 10 pm