

The Neighbourhood Plan

The Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan sets out the aims, objectives and policies for the growth of Titchfield over the period 2018 to 2036.

The aim of the Plan is to try to conserve and enhance the local built, historic and natural environment of Titchfield. We also wish to improve the special interest, character and appearance of the area and its historic setting.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been drawn up by the Titchfield Neighbourhood Forum following two and a half years consultation. We have consulted with residents throughout via public meetings, newsletters, questionnaires and the Forum website, www.titchfieldmatters.org.uk

The Neighbourhood Plan sets out the aspirations of the community. It is intended to be a template for the development of the village over the Plan period of 20 years. It incorporates the work of Forum sub-groups who have investigated specific topics.

The health and well-being of the residents is reflected throughout, not just by policies and tasks, but by the accessibility audit carried out in July 2017 and the Fun Health Day in September 2017.

The **key policies** contained in the Plan relate to:

Housing

During the life-time of the Plan, an average of 10 dwellings per year will be needed, with the emphasis on affordable rental housing and smaller homes to buy. History (FBC Emerging Local Plan 2018 - 2036,) shows us that approximately 10% of the housing demand will be met by windfall sites within the Borough. As such, housing needs within the Plan area are expected to be met, through small-scale infill development within the proposed settlement boundary. Housing needs can be reviewed every 5 years.

Getting Around

Traffic policies and tasks are proposed that are designed to reduce the impact of traffic throughout the Plan area so that the safety and environmental needs of pedestrians are given priority.

Commercial and Economic Considerations

The area has a thriving local economy at its centre offering employment opportunities as well as services for residents. Policies are proposed to ensure the continued success and focus of business premises in the High Street, The Square and South Street. Proposals to convert business or commercial premises into residential use will be resisted.

The Built and Natural Environment

Policies are proposed to ensure that Titchfield remains a village with an enhanced environment and valued open spaces.

Historic Titchfield

The objective of the Plan is to respect and preserve the history of the area for future generations whilst allowing it to continue to develop and grow.

If the Neighbourhood Plan is successful at referendum, it will become part of the statutory development plan for the area. Consequently, decisions on whether or not to grant planning permission in the neighbourhood area will need to be made in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan. This would be part of the statutory local development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise - Locality, Neighbourhood Plans, Roadmap Guide.