

Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan meeting

Histon & Impington Parish Council
February 2014

Setting the scene

- What makes Histon & Impington so special?
- What do we imagine it will look like in 2020 and beyond?
 - Identity and vision and our new web-site
- Taking control of our own destiny: the Neighbourhood Plan

Workshops

Report back and wrap-up

We live in a village but it's a very special village

There's a village green and a windmill	• Plus Homefield Park, Manor Field, the Copse and several other informal open spaces • And there are the adjacent woods and green spaces north, east and west of the village
We've got primary and secondary schools	• IVC is an academy with its roots firmly in the community and is a (the?) leading state IB provider • There's a children's centre and an infants, primary and junior schools. And they're all good
There's a football club	• Histon FC is in the Conference North with teams from much bigger communities • Cambs FA has its headquarters at the football club
We've got an office park	• Not just Vision Park but offices along Station Road as well • There are even some global headquarters including the International Whaling Commission
And a significant manufacturing site	• Chivers became Premier Brands became Hain Daniel which produces 90% of the UK's jams • Sadly we've recently lost Unwins and SC Packaging
We've got a rec and several children's play areas	• With plans for the acquisition and development of Bypass Farm • And we are starting to think about leisure as well as recreation
There's a high street	• With a dozen successful shops and several more on Station Road • Many of our retail outlets are 'destination' stores for people from outside the community
We've got several places to eat	• 6 pubs, 2 restaurants and 4 coffee shops/outlets (and counting) • We intend that the Station development can deliver more
And not forgetting regular bus services to our big city neighbour	• The concrete busway runs through us; it gives us excellent cycle connections • It will soon connect us directly to the new Cambridge station at Chesterton

We don't expect much to change but we do expect ...

Not much bigger than it is now

A little more employment but certainly no less

A little more variety in the High Street

Better public transport connections

(continued) Low crime and low fear of crime

An increased range of leisure and recreation activities for all ages

A destination as well as a great place to live

A sustainable community

A digital village

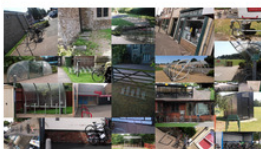
Mindful of our heritage

Our identity and vision takes us to 2020 and beyond

- A draft vision is available but just that ... a draft
- We used this to brief designers and appointed on to give us an identity:
 - Colours to reflect our heritage, our environment and our confidence
 - Fonts to reinforce our confidence but also chosen to facilitate communication
 - A logo which is less formal, more youthful and compatible with the medium of most of our communications
- We launched a new web-site and have used it as the basis to increase our engagement with the community

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Where can I park my bike?



New precept for 2014/15



Youth Committee News



HisImp News available

by Denis Payne on February 2, 2014

HISIMP NEWS

The latest issue of HisImp News, issue 6, is available and is being distributed by volunteer teams throughout Histon & Impington. If you can't wait for the paper version to arrive, it's available here This latest issue headlines news about work on the Neighbourhood Plan, progress on the ByPass Farm proposals, and an update on the Parish component of [Read More...](#)

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Our community, our plan, our future

by David Jenkins on January 29, 2014



There will be an open meeting next Thursday, 6 Feb 14, at 1930 in the Community Room at the Rec. We'll be talking about the Community's development of a Neighbourhood Plan. There's so much happening including South Cambs' Local Plan and the City Deal that if we don't step up and take some degree of control we will see the character of our [Read More...](#)

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The Localism Act and Neighbourhood plans

Going forward: the Localism Act gives us four powers

- Community Right to Bid
 - ✓ We can use the Community Right to Bid to ‘pause’ the sale of buildings or land we care about such as a local pub, shop, library or football ground. It gives us time to develop a bid to buy it.
 - ✓ We are considering the use of this Right to increase our control of what happens to Histon Station

Going forward: the Localism Act gives us four powers

- Community Right to Bid
- Community Right to Build
 - ✓ The Community Right to Build is a new way for communities to choose for themselves where and when to build homes, shops, facilities and businesses - putting power back into the hands of local people where it belongs.

Going forward: the Localism Act gives us four powers

- Community Right to Bid
- Community Right to Build
- Community Right to Challenge
 - ✓ The Community Right to Challenge is now in effect. It enables communities to challenge to take over local services that they think they can run differently and better. The Right to Challenge could be used to run a wide range of local services.

Going forward: the Localism Act gives us four powers

- Community Right to Bid;
- Community Right to Build;
- Community Right to Challenge; and
- Neighbourhood planning
 - The Localism Act 2011 introduced statutory Neighbourhood Planning in England. It enables communities to draw up Neighbourhood Plans for their areas and is intended to give communities more of a say in the development of their local areas (within certain limits and parameters).
 - These plans will be used to decide the future of the communities and give opportunities to:
 - choose where we want new homes, shops and offices to be built
 - have our say on what new buildings should look like
 - grant planning permission for the new buildings we want to see go ahead.

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- Useful websites
 - <http://bit.ly/1k4eEBL>; the Localism legislation
 - <http://bit.ly/1fh6v8z>; explanation of the four rights

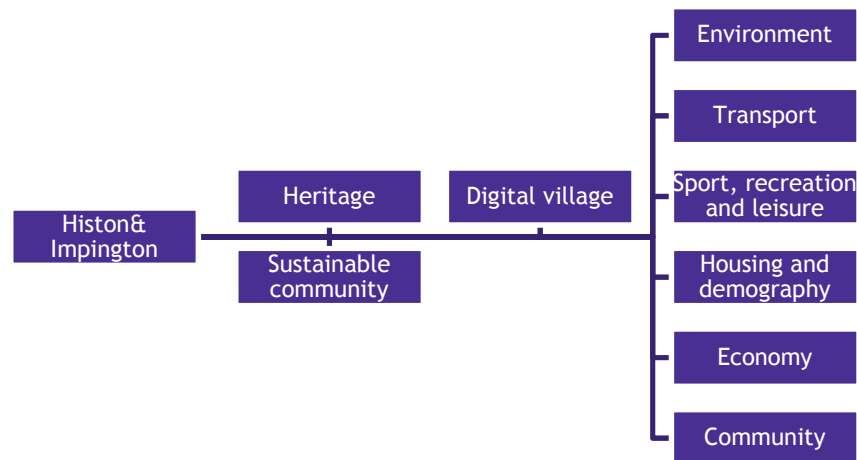
Some other considerations

It can't be just a Parish Council plan. Neighbourhood planning can be led by the local parish or town council but there must be substantial community involvement

Parishes with a Neighbourhood Plan will receive 25% of any Community Infrastructure Levy arising from developments in their area compared to parishes without a neighbourhood plan who will receive 15%.

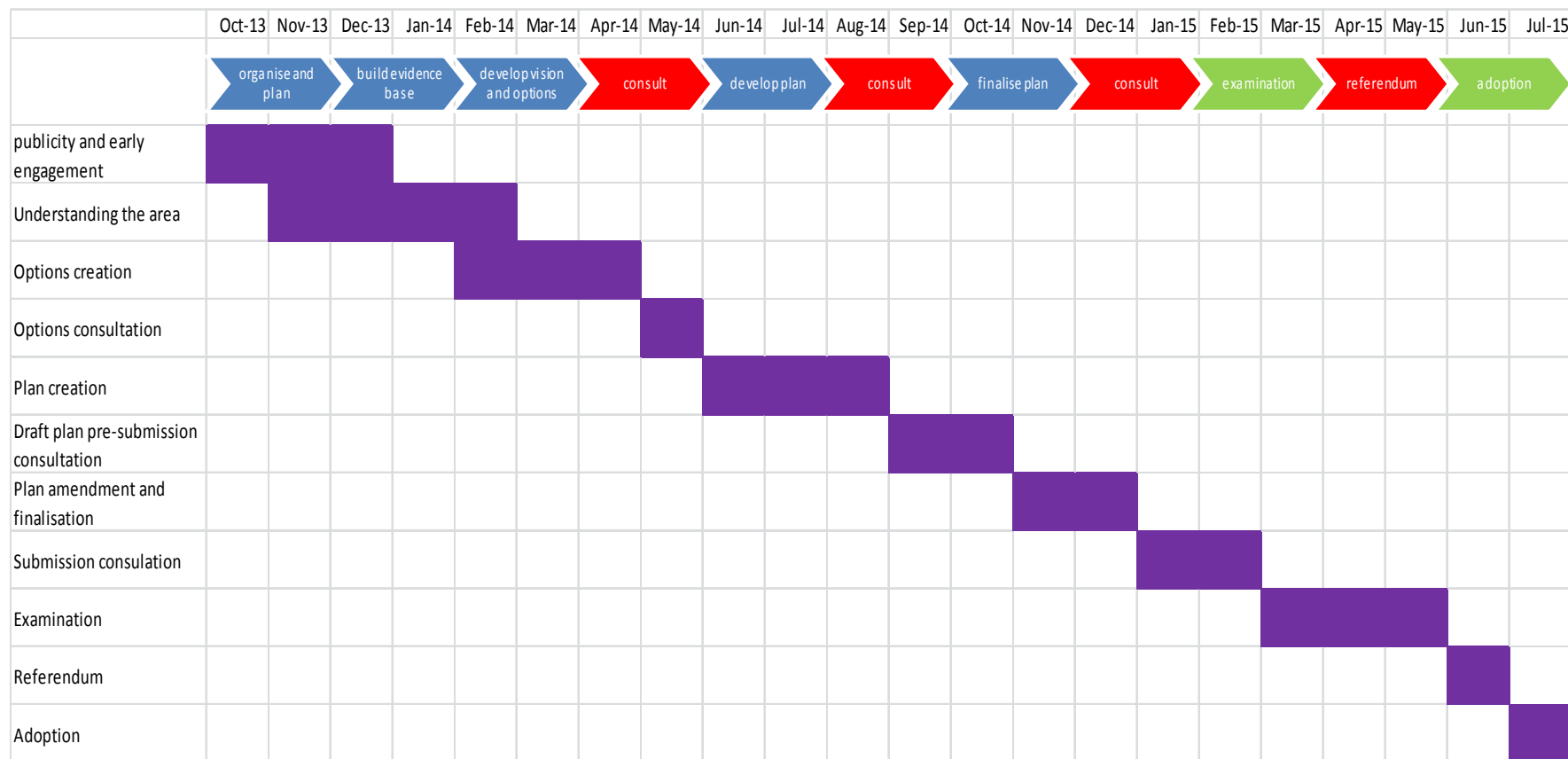
The local planning authority has a duty to support communities making their Neighbourhood Plans

This is how we think we will organise our plan



- Each major block will be led by a Parish Council committee chair
 - We will need lots of ‘stakeholder’ support as well
- We will probably need someone external to help with:
 - Digital Village;
 - Heritage; and
 - Sustainable community

There is a schedule but we're going to have to get a move on



- This would enable us to run our referendum at general election time which would ensure us a decent turnout

Next step: time to do a little work ...

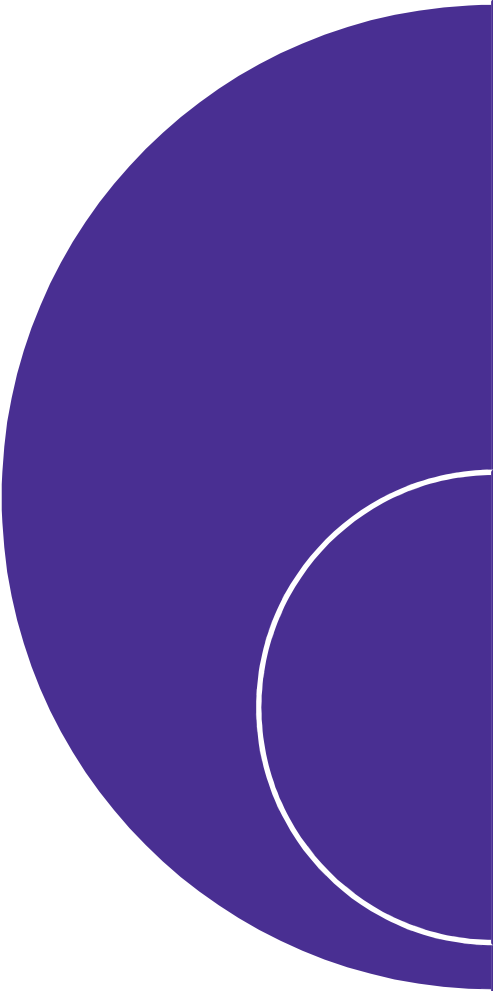
One major table for each major block of the Plan

- Please give us your:
 - Opinions of the community today; and
 - Aspirations for the community in 2020 (or thereabouts)

One minor table for the three cross cutting themes

- Please tell us:
 - What each of these themes means to you

And finally: homework



Please take a copy of the vision
and tell us what you think of it.
Download it from
www.hiplan.net

And finally please make sure
that we have your contact
information. Email is nice but
not essential (but cheaper,
quicker and more convenient)