

The following questions were asked at the Alconbury Weston Parish Council Neighbourhood Briefing session held at the Alconbury Sports and Social Club at 07:15 PM on 4 October 2022

Do we have to abide by the HDC plan? Has HDC earmarked how many properties they need to build in Alconbury Weston?

Until such time as an Alconbury Weston Parish Neighbourhood Plan is made, the Huntingdonshire DC Local Plan defines the planning policies that apply to Alconbury Weston. Once a neighbourhood plan is made then that will provide the planning policy against which planning applications should be decided. HDC have not earmarked a set number of properties that should be built in Alconbury Weston, they should determine planning applications against the policies that apply to small settlements within their Local Plan.

Why do we still need to follow EU law?

We believe that this will be amended as all requirements are amended in due course following BREXIT.

What proportion of small settlements have Neighbourhood Plans or started the process?

We do not know what portion of small settlements either have neighbourhood plans, or have started the process. However, the detail of the actual settlements that have started the process, or have neighbourhood plans can be found on the HDC website.

Should Alconbury join with Alconbury Weston to produce a neighbourhood Plan?

Both parish councils have separately determined that at the current time they do not wish to join into a single parish council. However, this would not prevent the councils agreeing to produce a joint neighbourhood plan. The process of defining a neighbourhood plan area is lengthy if that area is not a currently defined parish, and we decided as a parish council that we should proceed on our own. We will make available any detail that Alconbury may wish to use from our experience.

Can the Ellington and Grafham Neighbourhood plan be put on the Alconbury Weston Parish Council website for people to see what a plan looks like?

The Grafham and Ellington Neighbourhood Plan is available on their website. Please use the following link to access it. <https://grafham.org.uk/index.php/neighbourhood-plan-documents/>

The Chair appears to have the capability to produce the Neighbourhood Plan, can other members of the Parish Council take some of the Chair's workload to free up his time to work on the plan?

We would like to see volunteers from within the community to help with the production of the Neighbourhood Plan, so that the Parish Council can provide the overarching control for the Plan. However, if there are insufficient volunteers then we will have to consider how best to resource the Plan.

If there are 800 people in the village and only 101 people turn out to vote referendum, what happens to the vote of the voters that don't turn out?

The referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan is voted on by those people who are registered to vote in the Parish. A simple majority of those that turn out is what is required to approve the Plan to go forward.

Should Alconbury Weston encourage and help Alconbury to produce their own plan HDC could push a major development in their parish which could have a detrimental effect on our parish?

It is Alconbury's decision as to whether they wish to pursue a neighbourhood plan. We will provide whatever advice and assistance that we can if they decide to produce a neighbourhood plan.