



Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan

Update for Yateley Town Meeting

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood, and shape the development and growth of their local area.
- Introduced in the Localism Act of 2011
- Covers period up to 2032
- Must meet certain conditions:
 - Must be consistent with Local Authority's Local Plan
 - Must be supported by evidence and consultation with the community
 - Must conform to the legal terms of reference for a Neighbourhood Plan
 - Must be approved by Government inspectors
 - Must be agreed by public referendum
- Commissioned by Yateley Town Council, but not council-led
 - Steering Group is a non-political grouping made up of volunteers and Councillors



Why Do We Need a Neighbourhood Plan for Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore?

- Several communities in Hart have already developed Neighbourhood Plans:
 - Rotherwick
 - Winchfield
 - Odiham
- Many more have started the process
- Provides an additional layer of control over development decisions
- Protects against inappropriate, speculative development
- Builds a community consensus on our vision and expectations for own town
- Will complement and reinforce Hart DC's Local Plan



What we have done so far

- Appointed a Steering Group of volunteers and councillors
 - Richard Quarterman (chair)
 - Barry Moody (vice-chair)
 - Jane Biscombe (secretary)
 - Roger Durdle (finance co-ordinator)
 - Greg Easterbrook (Councillor)
 - Graham Cockarill (Councillor)
 - Tony Spencer (Councillor)
 - Roger Coombes
 - John Jenkins
 - Gill Hennell
- Supported by other volunteers – all meetings are open to the public
- Applied to Hart for Designation of our Area
 - Decided not to include Eversley, but have invited Philip Todd, Chair of Eversley Parish Council, to attend our meetings
- Attended a useful conference organised by the CPRE on Neighbourhood Planning
- Defined our Engagement and Communication Strategy
- Started to engage with stakeholders (e.g. schools, businesses)
- Commissioned a website to support our communication and consultation
- Compiled our Initial Vision and Objectives for Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore

Our Vision for Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore

Happy



- Healthy
- Vibrant
- Good local facilities
- Crime-free
- A place to be proud of

Attractive



- Protected countryside and natural environment
- Encouraging biodiversity
- Preserved heritage and village-feel

Sustainable



- Good local transport links
- Appropriate development with supporting infrastructure
- Encouraging local shops and businesses

Inclusive



- Affordable
- Supportive of those in need
- Everyone valued equally

Our Objectives for the YDF Neighbourhood Plan

Happy



- A. Use Community Infrastructure Levy to fund local facilities
- B. Cycle/pedestrian paths and other facilities to encourage healthy lifestyles
- C. Encourage better facilities for young people
- D. Safe, well-maintained and well-lit public spaces

Attractive



- E. Statement of design principles and standards
- F. Protect open spaces and waterscapes
- G. Encourage biodiversity by providing habitats for local wildlife
- H. Preserve historic buildings and views
- I. Protect strategic gaps between communities

Sustainable



- J. Better traffic management
- K. Appropriate parking provision
- L. Encourage sympathetic redevelopment of shopping and business facilities
- M. Campaign for better public and community transport
- N. Encourage energy efficiency

Inclusive



- O. Ensure new development is of an appropriate type, size, density and quality that contributes to the community's needs
- P. Provide sufficient affordable housing, particularly starter homes and flats
- Q. Ensure development is supported by infrastructure (e.g. medical and school capacity)

Important Note – Not all of this may be deliverable through a Neighbourhood Plan. Further work will be required to identify which can be included in the Plan, and which will need to be taken forward some other way.



What we are going to do next

- Updates to Yateley Town Meeting and Yateley Town Council in March
- Start consultation on the Vision and Objectives
 - Stand at the May Fair on the 7th May
 - Launch website – targeting the beginning of May
- Start to research and develop detail of the plan
- Draw up detailed plan and consider potential timescales for referendum
- Consider whether we need to appoint any consultancy expertise
 - Neighbourhood Plans are subject to legal and planning scrutiny and inspection, so need to ensure that we get it right