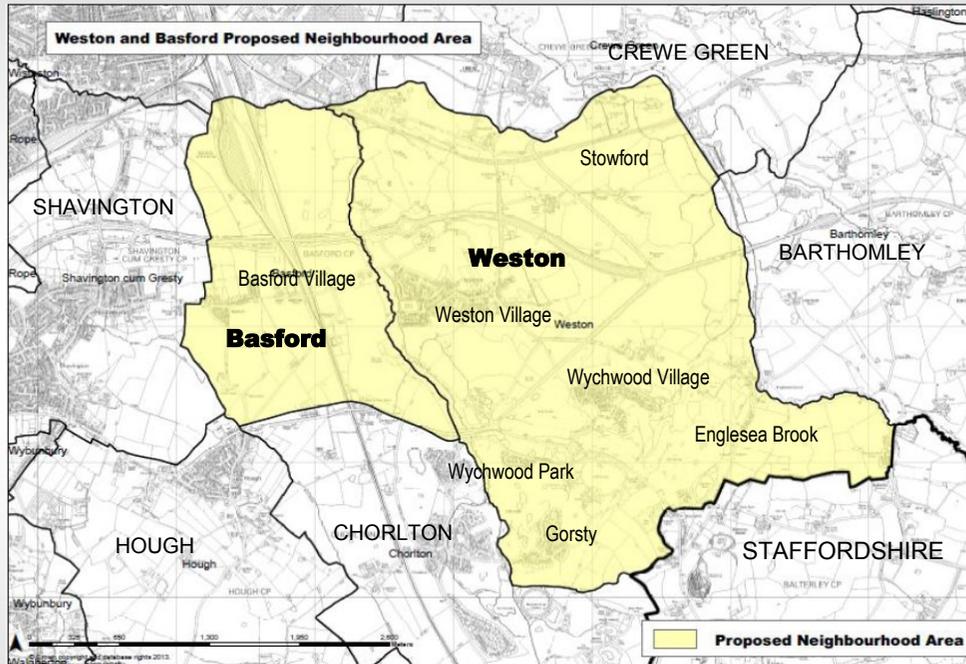


How can you find out more?

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Parish Notice Boards and leaflets or contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, David Owen on 01270 254424

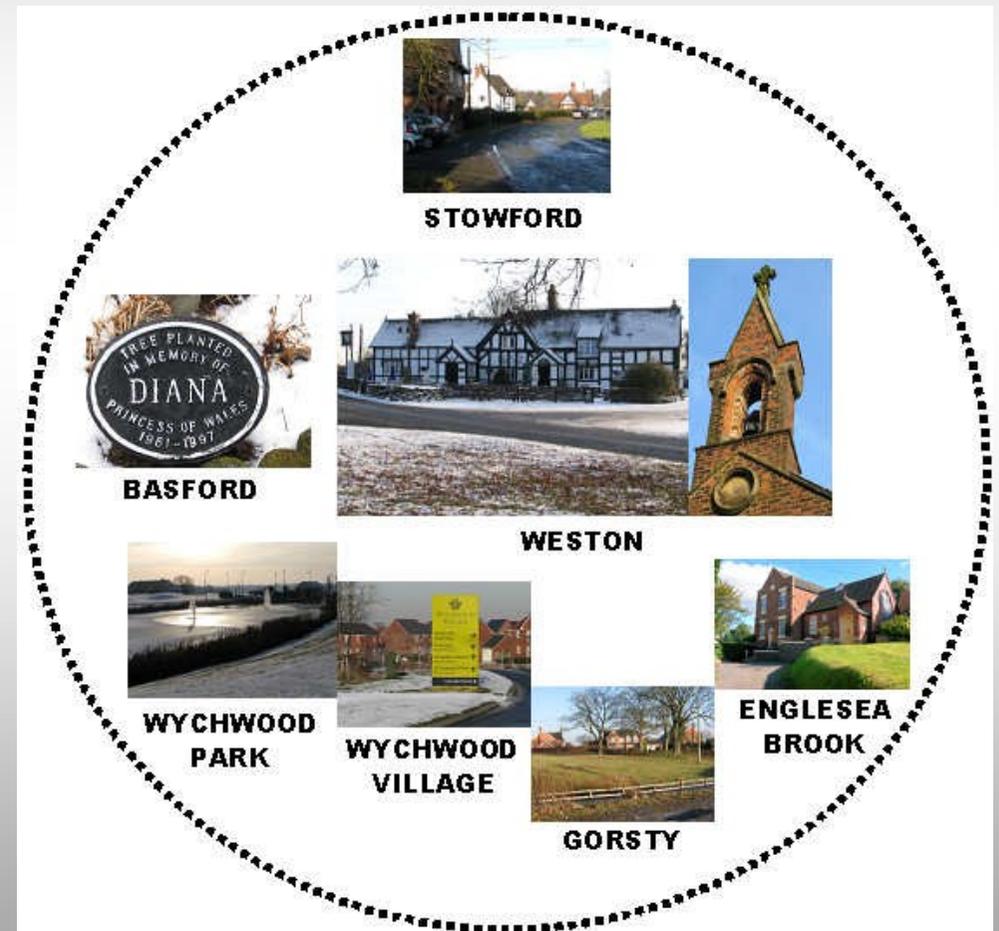
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA



**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
WESTON & BASFORD**

Don't miss it!

Weston & Basford Neighbourhood Plan



A Parish Plan was produced for Weston & Basford in 2011 and identified those issues which residents wanted to be addressed. This elicited a 41% response. The Neighbourhood Plan will take this to the next stage of detail to enable the Parish Council to influence the location and type of development that can be approved in the parish. The Parish Council has appointed a steering group to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan. The members are: John Chambers, John Cornell, John Densem, Don Fanstone and Trevor Gill, working alongside Andrew Thomson, Planning Consultant. This leaflet provides you with some introductory information.

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

The Localism Act 2012 has given communities the right to produce a 'Neighbourhood Plan', a community lead framework for guiding future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. Instead of being told what to do, local communities now have the opportunity to influence the place where they live.

A Neighbourhood Plan must comply with National Planning Policy as well as UK and European Legislation and must have regard to strategic policies at local level. It can challenge non-strategic planning policy where local people wish to do so. A Neighbourhood Plan can specify policies and guidance on many aspects of how new development is carried out, but it cannot specify less development than that identified for the local area, such as new strategic housing allocations. Weston & Basford will be expected to accommodate some new housing over the next few years and the amount will be decided through the Neighbourhood Plan process.

A Neighbourhood Plan for Weston & Basford would become part of the Statutory Development Plan for Cheshire East which means that Cheshire East Planners and Government Planning Inspectors would take account of the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan when making their decisions.

WHAT IS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA?

The first step in the process for producing a Neighbourhood Plan is to submit a proposal to Cheshire East Council to ask for the Neighbourhood Plan to be approved before work can commence on writing the policies for the proposed Weston & Basford Neighbourhood Plan.

This submission has now been approved by Cheshire East. The Neighbourhood Plan Area is the same as the Parish Council area. A plan of the area is shown in this leaflet.

HOW AND WHEN WILL THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BE MADE?

Now that the area has been officially designated by Cheshire East Council work can begin on the Plan itself. Work will commence on publicising the Plan, raising awareness of the importance of the process and identifying the issues that matter to the people of Weston & Basford. The Steering Group hope to be able to complete their work and have a Draft Plan by the autumn of this year. It will then be submitted to Cheshire East for consultation with statutory Groups and for subsequent approval by Cheshire East Council..

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE PLAN

Once a Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared and consulted on, an independent examiner will check that it meets all the necessary standards known as the Basic Conditions. If the Plan does not meet the Basic Conditions, the examiner will recommend changes.

REFERENDUM

Cheshire East will organise a referendum on the Plan if it meets the Basic Conditions. This ensures that the people of Weston & Basford have the final say on whether the Neighbourhood Plan comes into force. People living in the Neighbourhood Area who are registered to vote in the local elections will be able to vote in the referendum. If more than 50% of people voting in the referendum support the Plan, then Cheshire East must bring it into force.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH

The Steering Group will be delivering a questionnaire to you to complete and will also be holding events to listen to your views and formulate the Plan.

The Plan can only be produced following consultation with the local community. It is your Plan and it is important that you participate in planning for the future of the Parish of Weston & Basford.