



## Welforward

“Welforward” is a community project, to decide how we would like our village to develop in the next 10-15 years, and to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to help achieve that vision.

The Welforward committee was appointed by the Welford-on-Avon Parish Council to operate as an independent steering group, on behalf of Welford residents. Its objectives are to:

- Consult with the local community to identify their needs and expectations, in the realm of Planning and Development.
- Produce a Neighbourhood Plan to complement:
  1. The community’s, specific local needs.
  2. The Core strategy ( Stratford District Council’s Local Plan ).
  3. The National Planning Policy Framework ( NPPF ).
- Ensure all foreseeable developments, in the next 15 years, are addressed by the plan.

Once adopted, our Neighbourhood Plan will have to be taken into consideration for any planning application made in the village.

The Welforward Committee is seeking your feedback. Please find time to complete and return one, or both, of the attached forms as an individual / householder, or as a business / potential business.

The forms have been drafted to provide you with some guidance in respect of the principal issues that the “plan” can address comprising; housing, business, infrastructure etc.

In addition to the above there are also a number of areas within the documents where your feedback with regards to other matters can be submitted. In this respect we would ask that you give thought to **all** of the issues that Welford could be facing over the next 15 years, and submit your comments and feedback accordingly.



## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan uses local knowledge and analysis to indicate where best, over the next 10 -15 years, development could and should be located; what this should look like; and how it fits in with the village. The Neighbourhood Plan will also set out the related infrastructure, local services, and historic and natural environments. All this is within clearly stated “visions and objectives” for the village’s progress, consistent with Strategy of Stratford-on-Avon District Council’s Local Plan.

### It can:

- **Decide where and what types of development could and should happen.**
- **Justify and promote more development than is set out in the Local Plan.**
- **Include policies that take precedence over existing neighbourhood policies in the Local Plan.**

### It cannot:

- **Conflict with the strategic policies in the Local Plan.**
- **Be used to frustrate development that is included in the Local Plan.**
- **Be prepared by a body other than a Parish Council or a recognised ‘neighbourhood forum’.**

## Why prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?

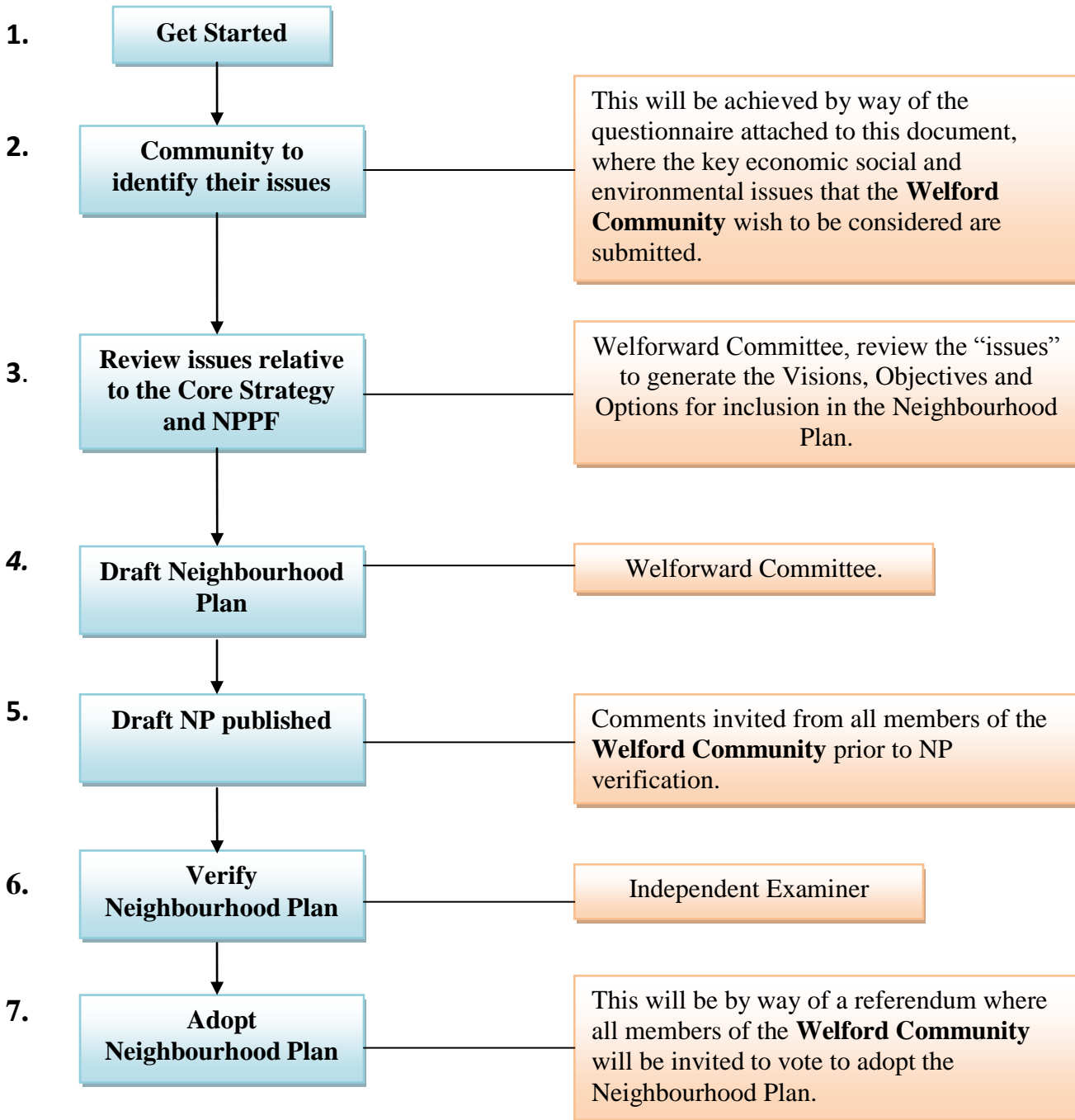
The absence of a Neighbourhood Plan will leave the village unprotected from developers seeking to exploit any land for commercial gain, including new housing estates, irrespective of the social and environmental impact of their proposals.

A Neighbourhood Plan provides a great opportunity for individuals and organisations within the community to have more influence over how the place they live and/or work in will change over time. With the introduction of the recent “Localism Act” the Government has put more emphasis on planning at a local level. It believes local people best know what local needs are, and how those local needs should be met.

***This is your opportunity to contribute and influence this process.***



## Process and Primary Stages for Creating the Neighbourhood Plan





## Completing and Returning the Questionnaire/s

### Completing the Questionnaire

Two questionnaire's are available for completion and submission. **Please use a black pen to fill in the questionnaire/s.**

The residential questionnaire (white paper) is for completion by residents of the Welford Parish. Ideally we would like to see at least one questionnaire, per household, completed and returned. However, where individuals within a household have contrasting views, multiple questionnaire completion and submission is encouraged.

The business questionnaire (coloured paper) is for completion by business's and commercial service providers.

If you have any queries you can contact the Welforward team by email at [info@welforward.org.uk](mailto:info@welforward.org.uk) or by calling 07561 062324 and leaving a message, so one of the team can get back to you.

### Returning the questionnaire

The questionnaire is to be completed and returned by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

By Post - Physical copies can be posted using the envelope provided, to Warwick Network, which will require a Second Class stamp, this option will minimise Welforward's costs.

Alternatively, you may use the reply paid envelope addressed to Stratford District Council who will pass the envelopes unopened directly to Warwick Network.

Online - This survey is available online from a link at <http://www.welforward.org.uk> if you are happy to complete the survey in this manner it will save Welforward data input costs and will reduce possible errors in transcription.

### Supporting Documents

Additional copies of the residential and business questionnaire may be obtained by either:

- Downloading from <http://welforward.org.uk>
- Call telephone number: 07561 062 324 and leave a message requesting additional copies (please state your home address, the version and number of copies required).

A number of reference documents are available for downloading, or viewing, on the Welforward WEB site: <http://welforward.org.uk>