

Evidence gathering for the Neighbourhood Plan

7pm on 27th March at Kingsdown Village Hall

Following the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan at the primary school in Kingsdown, held on 25th January, a follow up meeting was held at St Nicholas Church, Ringwould on 29th February.

At this event, there was a recap on the how and why of Neighbourhood Plans and a presentation of the results of the Good, Bad, Dreams post-it note exercise from the 25th January.

Attendees were invited to complete a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats activity for the emerging themes and sign up to one of three working groups:

- Environment and Heritage
- Transport
- Housing

Other groups may emerge later. A follow up event was proposed for later in March (7pm on 27th March 2024 at Kingsdown Village Hall) to set out the evidence gathering role of these three theme sub-groups and map key opportunities and issues by theme.

Proposed programme:

| Time | Activity | Description |
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| 7.00 | Welcome and introduction | Present purpose for this evening and SWOT results from 29 th February |
| 7.10 | Evidence gathering | A short presentation on the importance of using evidence to support your neighbourhood plan, different types of evidence, using existing data and undertaking original research. |
| 7.20 | Movement and transport | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What neighbourhood plans can and can't influence, ways to research: parking, speeding, congestion and other transport matters.• Mapping opportunities for improving movement and transport, safety and parking hotspots. |
| 7.40 | Housing matters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How government is setting housing targets, what existing data is available, what are the key documents from the Local Plan, what additional research you might wish to commission or undertake. |
| 8.00 | Environment and heritage | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Character areas and how these can be used to set design guidance and codes.• Criteria for Local Green Space designation, identifying these and undertaking an assessment.• Mapping green and blue infrastructure, biodiversity net gain and opportunities. |
| 8.20 | Next steps | Forming the task and finish groups, desk studies and field work, who else needs to be involved. |
| 8.30 | CLOSE | |