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The Ickleford Neighbourhood Plan – your chance to help shape the future of your village

Dear Resident

Ickleford Parish Council believes that it would be a promising idea to create a Neighbourhood Plan to help shape the future of our village – and we are asking for your help in doing so.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

These have been recently introduced as a way of giving communities a greater say on development and use of land in their village or town. A Neighbourhood Plan could, for example,

- influence the mix and size of development
- limit 'tower block' developments
- ensure design of new roads encourages driving at e.g. 20 mph
- protect the natural environment and green spaces/ common land
- encourage 'green' transport
- address parking issues in new developments
- promote employment opportunities by designating areas for business
- promote community cohesion e.g. community facilities

A Neighbourhood Plan for Ickleford would not allow us to over-ride the strategic priorities of the NHDC Local Plan, i.e. **we could influence, but cannot prevent, development which might arise from the NHDC Local Plan.**

How can you help?

The Neighbourhood Plan would be sponsored and supported by Ickleford Parish Council, but needs to be driven by a team made up from the wider village community. It would be the team's responsibility to create the Vision, Objectives and Policies which make up the Plan – all of which needs to be backed up by evidence.

This is not a trivial undertaking – Neighbourhood Plans typically take 2-3 years to create – but we believe that having one is important in securing the best possible future for Ickleford and its residents.

Please do not interpret this as a lessening of the Parish Council's opposition to certain elements of the NHDC Local Plan. Instead, we are attempting to ensure that we all can help shape the future of our village.

If you would like to get involved, or if you would like more information, please contact me:

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Best wishes

Miles Maxwell,
Chairman, Ickleford Parish Council