At the referendum, it is not legal to have a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan for you to look at, so if you want to have another look at the full document, including the policies in more detail, there is a copy on the Budbrooke Parish Council Website, as shown here.

budbrookepc.org.uk/planning/budbrooke-neighbourhood-plan/



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Budbrooke Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 to 2029

# Local Referendum Vote YES on July 12th

#### Tell me more

As far back as 2010, Warwick District Council started to consult on what was then called the Core Strategy. At that time this was the was strategic planning for the UK was established. Essentially, a district such as Warwick was given a number of planning requirements - a number of dwellings, areas set aside for employment, etc.

The Parish Council identified the need to formalise its position so, after a two year survey and drafting, published the Budbrooke Parish Plan 2011 [December 2011] - **A vision for the Future.** 

Since then a new government changed the approach to planning and brought in Local Plans based on planning authorities, in our case this was Warwick District Council. The new Local Plan approach was supposed to be bottom up rather than top down. This approach required consultations between adjacent Planning Authorities as well as internally, but brought in the concept of Neighbourhood Plans; these are to put a local perspective on District Council planning decisions. However, Neighbourhood Plans have to follow the same National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and be consistent with the Local Plan. See how we did this Page 6

One major change is that a Neighbourhood Plan needs the support of its residents. This is done by holding a local referendum.

#### Can you Vote?

If you are already on the electoral role and normally receive notice of elections, then yes you can vote and will get a notice.

Following further amendments another version together with all supporting documentation was submitted to Warwick District Council, and a further consultation took place. Following this, the Plan was put to a jointly appointed Examiner for an Independent Examination, to consider whether the Plan met the basic conditions and any outstanding objections. The Examiner suggested further modifications that effectively led to the creation of the April 2018 version.

#### **Our Policies**

BNDP1 – Protection and Enhancement of Local Community Facilities

BNDP2 - Protection of Local Green Spaces

BNDP3 - Protection of Open Spaces

BNDP4 – Community Facilities and Community Infrastructure Levy

BNDP5 - Development Principles - Residential Allocations

BNDP6 - Scale and type of new housing

BNDP7 - Design of Development

BNDP8 - Protecting and Enhancing Local Landscape character

BNDP9 – Traffic Management and Transport Improvements

BNDP10 – Sustainable Transport Measures

BNDP11 – Supporting and enhancing existing small scale local employment

The Examiner 's report includes the following extract:

These introductory elements of the Plan set the scene for the policies. They are commendable ..... The Plan is well-presented with a healthy mix of maps and well-chosen photographs. The overall effect is very professional. In particular there is a very clear distinction between the policies and the supporting text. In the event that the Plan is 'made' this will provide clarity and consistency to the decision-maker.

# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Development Plans set out planning policies to help determine planning applications for any new development and alongside statutory planning documents form part of the "Local Plan". Policies and site allocations in Neighbourhood Plans have to be in general conformity with the local authority's Local Plan and must take account of the National Planning Policy Framework. Neighbourhood Development Plans help to shape and direct development but cannot propose less development than the Local Plan. Neighbourhood Development Plans have to be prepared following a procedure set by government.

#### How did we do this?

The Parish Council established a working group in 2014 to develop such a Plan for Budbrooke. This group of 12 residents have over the last four years worked steadily on ensuring, with the assistance of a Planning Consultant, Kirkwells, that the Budbrooke Plan was compliant and fit for purpose.

The first version of the plan was put out for consultation and the results were considered very carefully and used to finalise and amend a first Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. However, midway through this Council process Warwick District submitted modifications on its Local Plan to the Planning Inspector following a protracted discussion about process. The Planning Inspector set conditions for agreeing modifications which had substantial impact on Budbrooke by adding an additional site for development thereby more than doubling the number of new dwellings proposed for 100 to 245. The Local Plan and its modifications were subject to an Examination in Public and are now adopted.

The working group set about revisions and had a second round of consultations on the new version.

If you are not on the role, or want a postal vote or a proxy vote then you need to act now.

#### **Deadlines:**

If you are not registered to vote, you can register on line at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or you will need to complete a voter registration form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer to arrive by midnight on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at this address:

Warwick District Council
Riverside House, Milverton Hill
Royal Leamington Spa
Warwickshire CV32 5HZ
Registration forms are available from our helpline on
(01926) 456105 or by emailing elections@warwickdc.gov.uk or register on line at
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

#### By proxy:

If you have a proxy vote already, your proxy will receive a poll card confirming this,

If you cannot get to the polling station and do not wish to vote by post, you may be able to vote by proxy. This means appointing someone to vote on your behalf.

To vote by proxy, you will need to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer to arrive by 5pm on 4 July 2018 at the above address:

When you apply for a proxy vote, you must say why you cannot vote in person. Anyone can be your proxy as long as they are eligible to vote and are willing to vote on your behalf. You will have to tell them how you want to vote. Postal and proxy vote application forms are available from our helpline on (01926) 456105 or by emailing: elections@warwickdc.gov.uk or visit: www.yourvotematters.co.uk

# Why should I bother?

Our vision for Budbrooke is :-

A Parish that retains its quiet rural charm, maintains the individual character of settlements within it and grows in a way that is in keeping with the design of the surrounding area and reflects the needs of its residents.

It will come as no surprise that in the next few years some 245 dwellings will be built on sites adjacent to Hampton Magna, and that road access will be through Hampton Magna. 245 additional dwellings is more than a third increase. Some developers may want more.

This development cannot be stopped because it is government policy to increase housing numbers and availability. However, there are ways of limiting the impact on existing residents. One way is through the Budbrooke Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We have explained what a Neighbourhood Plan is and how we got this far in the next few pages. First you should understand that any impact the Council has will depend on your voting for it at the referendum.

If the majority of people who vote, vote for its adoption, then it will "made" and used by the parish and district council. Locally relevant policies set out what can and cannot be done, and what actions are required to be put in place so that Hampton Magna and the rest of Budbrooke Parish. To do this the Neighbourhood planning group established a clear understanding of the Parish taking views from our residents and identifying appropriate policies, consulting statutory bodies and residents, and came up with a 56 page document called **the Budbrooke Neighbourhood Development Plan—April 2018.** 

It contains 11 planning policies that underpin the Parish Council's views. See page 7 for a list.

# Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan

A referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. For this referendum you will receive a ballot paper with this question:

"Do you want Warwick District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Budbrooke to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

A simple majority in favour will 'make' the plan which will then be adopted by Warwick District Council.

### **Some Other Neighbourhood Plans**

Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe's was made on 4th May 2018

Barford 's was made on 10 October 2016.
Baginton and Bubbenhall's was made on 20th March 2018.