



Wimblington & Stonea Neighbourhood Plan

WHAT ARE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS?

Neighbourhood Plans, introduced by the Localism Act 2011, are produced by local people for their own areas and therefore it is very important that local people are able to have a say about what goes into their Neighbourhood Plan (NHP).

Wimblington and Stonea Parish are seeking to create a Neighbourhood Plan that will influence and guide the growth and development of the Parish over the next **18** years, putting in place policies by which future planning applications will be determined.



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Having a Neighbourhood Plan won't protect us from all development but WITHOUT one we have NO SAY and NO INFLUENCE at all

With a Neighbourhood Plan we can influence the design of any new developments.

Instead of NOT being part of the decision making process and having NO input into the development of our village, our Neighbourhood Plan will mean that decisions made by the District Council and Planners will take our views and policies into account.



Process and Approach

Phase 1

Getting Started

Gather opinions
and engage the
community

Decide to create
a Neighbourhood
Plan

Define your
Neighbourhood
Area

Establish a
Steering Group

Phase 2

Preparation and
Data Gathering

Identify all
stakeholders

Gather views,
aims and
aspirations

Prepare a draft
vision and aims
for the NA

Gather data
and build an
evidence base

Phase 3

Drafting the
Neighbourhood
Plan

Vision and Aims

Generate and
assess options

Define spaces,
designations
and
infrastructure

Planning
Policies and
other matters

Phase 4

Consultation
and
Submission

Review with
key
shareholders

Statutory
consultees

Neighbouring
Parishes

6 week formal
consultation

Phase 5

Examination,
Referendum
and Adoption

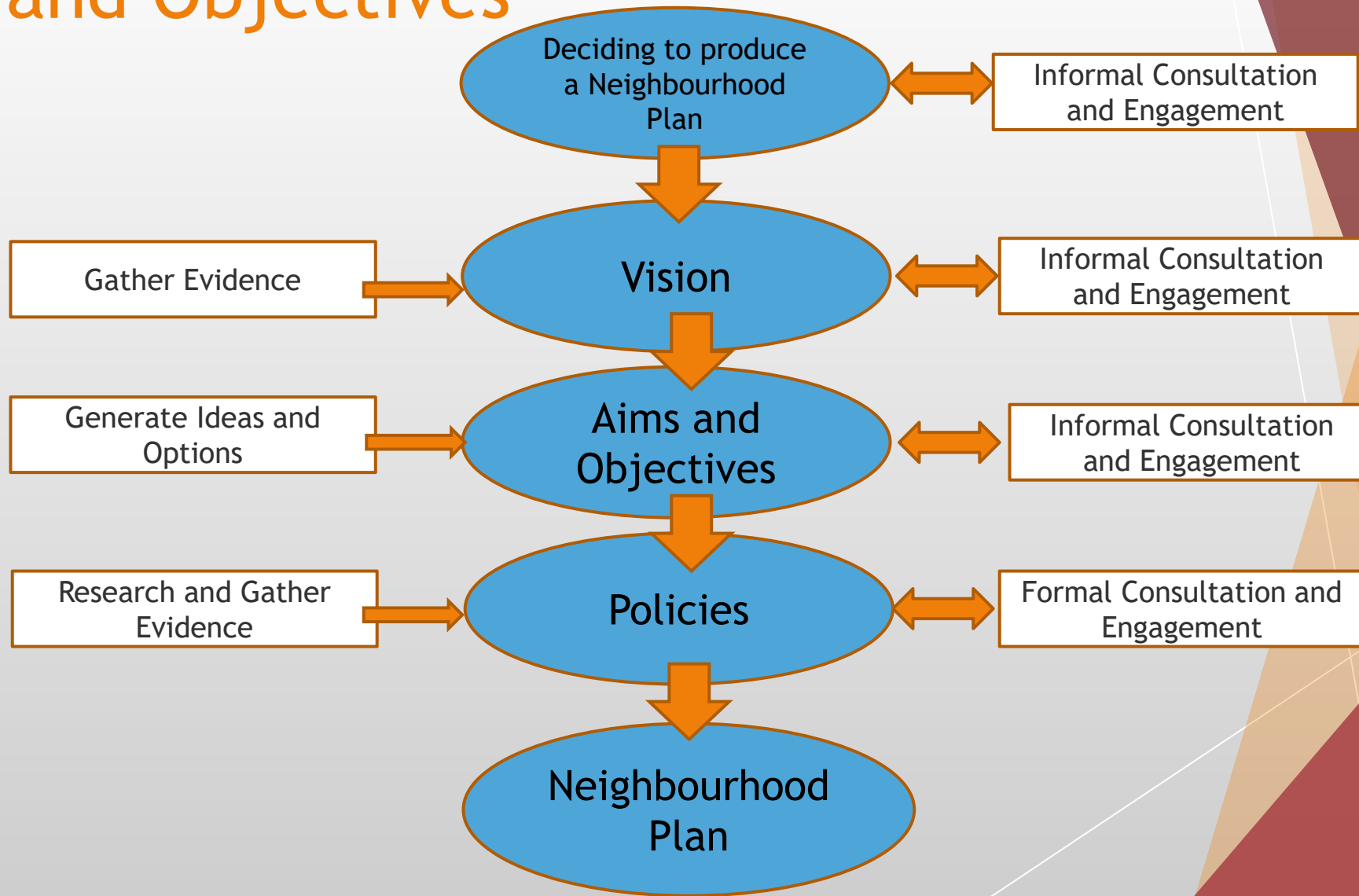
Independent
Examination

Referendum

Adoption and
publication

Implementation
and monitoring

Vision and Objectives



The vision for our village in our Neighbourhood Plan

*The community's **Vision** is that the Parish of Wimblington and Stonea remains a tranquil, rural parish.*

The tradition and history of the village will be celebrated and the community spirit will be fostered.

Future housing design and developments will respect the character of the village and fulfil the needs of the community.

Planning Policies to be addressed in our Neighbourhood Plan

- ▶ Rural character
- ▶ Biodiversity
- ▶ Non-designated heritage assets
- ▶ High quality design
- ▶ Sustainable buildings
- ▶ Housing within the settlement boundary
- ▶ Rights of Way network including the Woodsman's Way
- ▶ Community Facilities
- ▶ Local green spaces
- ▶ Local business



The aims of our Neighbourhood Plan

▶ **Biodiversity** -

- ▶ The rural character of the parish, including its open landscape and Big Skies, will be maintained and enhanced through appropriate small-scale developments and improvements.
- ▶ The natural environment, including wildlife habitats will be sustained and protected.

▶ **Village Environment** –

- ▶ The historic heritage character of the Parish and buildings of local importance will be acknowledged and preserved.
- ▶ High quality, viable and feasible design will be secured in all new development reflecting the distinctive character of Wimblington and Stonea.

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▶ Housing -

- ▶ New housing growth will contribute to an integrated Parish, meeting the needs of existing and future residents in terms of housing mix and tenure whilst retaining its character.

▶ Transport -

- ▶ The roads in the Parish will be safe and accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorists.
- ▶ Ensure any Improvements to the road and pavement infrastructure will increase safety and reduce the impact of congestion.
- ▶ New developments will provide adequate parking, accessible roads and pavements ensuring connectivity within the Parish.
- ▶ In addition, the public footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways network will be improved to be safe and accessible and additional links put in place to improve access to facilities and services.
- ▶ The Woodman's Way must be retained and protected.

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▶ **Community Facilities –**

- ▶ Existing community facilities will be retained.
- ▶ New facilities or improvements to existing facilities will be encouraged to provide opportunities for community cohesion.

▶ **Recreation & Green Spaces –**

- ▶ Formal and informal amenity spaces will be protected and sustained and Local Green Spaces designated to protect those spaces of particular community value.

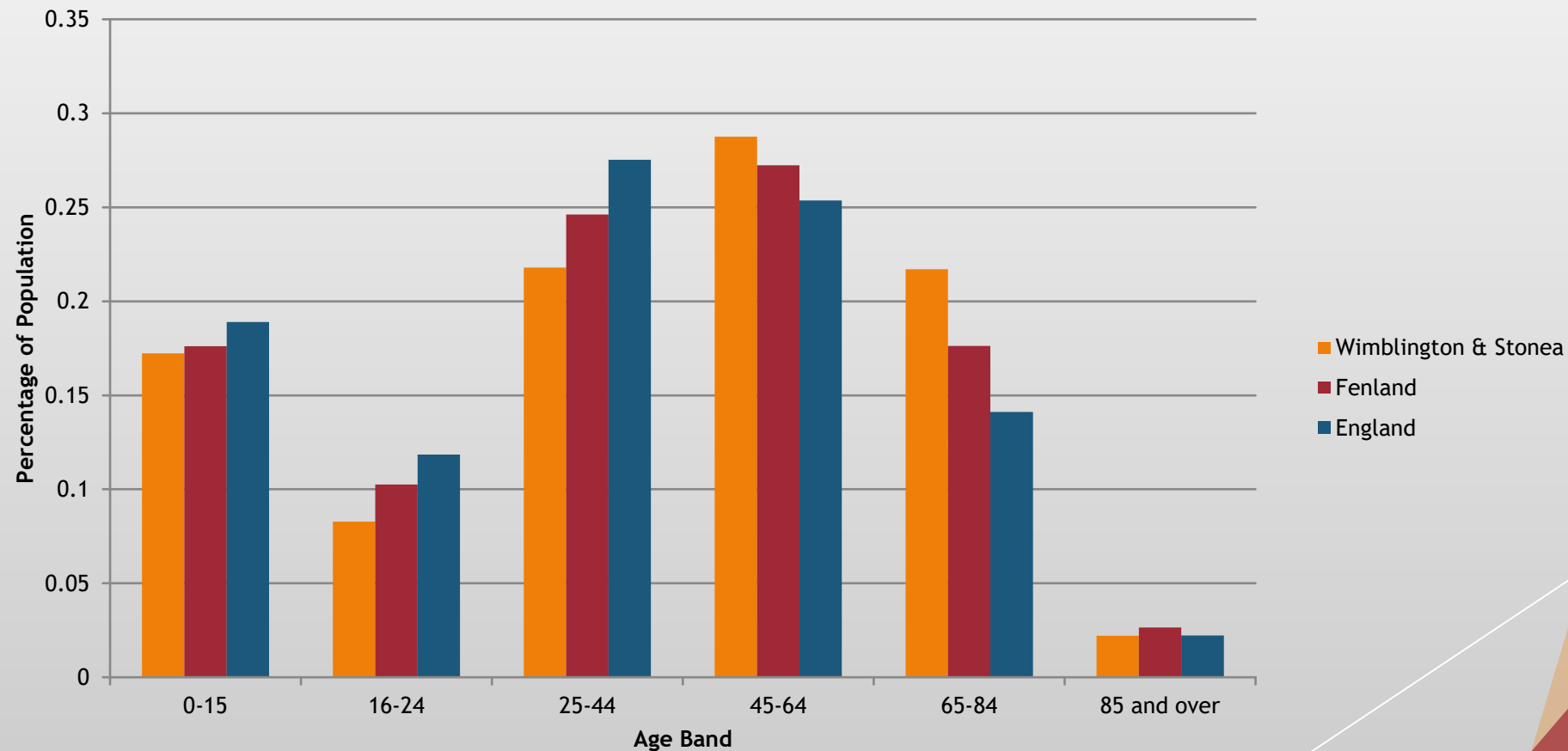
▶ **Local Business –**

- ▶ Small scale local businesses will be supported and the impact of new business development will be in keeping with the rural character of the area.

Housing Needs Assessment Findings

- ▶ Prepared by AECOM
 - ▶ Current housing situation
 - ▶ Village demographics
 - ▶ Affordable housing
 - Social rent
 - Affordable rent
 - Rent to buy
 - Shared ownership
 - First homes
 - ▶ Current development in planning
 - ▶ Local area needs
 - ▶ Specialist housing for older people
- ▶ New build allocations:
 - ▶ Land north of King Street (LP50.02) – 46 dwellings.
 - ▶ Land north of 37-45 King Street (LP50.04) – 25 dwellings;
 - ▶ Land north of 3A-9 Bridge Lane (LP50.05) – 7 dwellings; and
 - ▶ Land north of Stoneleigh 22A Eaton Estate (LP50.06) – 30 dwellings

Housing Needs Assessment - Age population in Wimblington & Stonea 2011



Housing Needs Assessment - Type of Housing

Number of bedrooms	Current mix (2021)	Indicative mix (2040)	Balance of new housing to reach indicative mix
1 bedroom	4.8%	9.3%	22.1%
2 bedrooms	23.6%	32.5%	53.5%
3 bedrooms	43.9%	42.1%	24.4%
4+ bedrooms	27.7%	16.1%	0.0%

Design Code

- ▶ Rural character
- ▶ Local character preferences
- ▶ Settlement pattern
- ▶ Boundary treatment and frontages
- ▶ Parking and roadways
- ▶ Site layout
- ▶ Open spaces
- ▶ Building scale and massing
- ▶ Viable buildings and construction
- ▶ Flood risk protection
- ▶ Landscape and natural environment
- ▶ Biodiversity
- ▶ Tree protection
- ▶ Building materials used
- ▶ Heritage



A well-designed place



Heritage Assets

- ▶ Protecting and enhancing local heritage assets and archaeological sites
- ▶ Listed Buildings
- ▶ Non-designated historical importance
 - ▶ Older houses with dates
 - ▶ Buildings of historical interest, e.g. old pubs, station house, toll house, Eastwood Hall, etc.
- ▶ Community facilities, e.g. allotments, Parish Hall, pub, shops, sports and leisure facilities, etc.



Green Spaces and infrastructure

- ▶ Green infrastructure
- ▶ Public rights of way, byways, footpaths, bridleways
- ▶ Orchards
- ▶ Open space and ponds
- ▶ Recreational facilities
- ▶ Village attributes
- ▶ Nature and conservation
- ▶ Provision for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders
- ▶ Traffic and transport
- ▶ Parking



Questions? Feedback? Ideas?



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Any further comments, questions, feedback, ideas??

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