

Launch Meeting for a Neighbourhood Plan for Warburton



In the autumn of 2018, Warburton Parish Council decided to seek permission from Trafford Council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

Local communities can choose to:

- set planning policies through a neighbourhood plan that is used in determining planning applications.
- grant planning permission through Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders for specific development which complies with the order.

Neighbourhood planning is not a legal requirement but a right which communities in England can choose to use.

Our unique village and its superb historic landscape setting is under threat from a number of directions. Some of these we can do little about with a Neighbourhood Plan (HS2 for example), but in others we can try to ensure that it is preserved and conserved as much as possible. Warburton Parish Council have previously produced a Village Design Statement

(2004) and although we were informed it would gain Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) status within the Trafford Planning Department, this did not happen. The Warburton Neighbourhood Plan gives us villagers the opportunity to determine what is appropriate development and what should be protected from development for ourselves. It is a superb opportunity and one we really should not miss.

Volunteers are sought to help with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council have retained Louise Kirkup from the consultants Kirkwells Planning (who specialise in assisting on the production of Neighbourhood Plans) to co-ordinate and advise on the formulation of the plan and we want to make an early start.

It doesn't matter if you have no specialist expertise to offer, but it is important that if you have concerns about your village, have some enthusiasm to enhance and protect it and a little time that you can give, please get involved. It is critically important that the Warburton Neighbourhood Plan needs to reflect the collective opinions of the people of Warburton.

Launch Meeting: 9th May 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Warburton Parish Rooms (parking is limited so please car share or make other arrangements to get there).

If you would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Warburton Neighbourhood Plan, please print in the form below;

Name	
Address	
Contact details	
Interests in the village and landscape, or specific areas of expertise you would be prepared to share.	

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