

# Statement of Community Involvement - Factsheet

The Statement of Community Involvement sets out the Council's approach to involving the community and stakeholders in the production of planning policy documents and planning control decisions in the District

## Community Involvement in Neighbourhood Planning



A local parish or town council is able to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan or Order for their area. Once a Neighbourhood Plan or Order has been through consultation, examination and is agreed by a local referendum, it becomes part of the Development Plan and the policies contained within them are then used in the determination of planning applications.

Consultation and community engagement takes place throughout the preparation of a Neighbourhood plan/order

Most of these activities are carried out by the Town or Parish Councils

Lewes District Council carries out some key formal consultations and is responsible for holding the referendum

- A **Neighbourhood Plan** is a planning document which establishes general policies for development and use of land in a neighbourhood, including the location of new homes, and what they should look like
- A **Neighbourhood Development Order** means that town and parish councils can grant permission for certain types of development without the need for people to apply to Lewes District Council

To keep up to date with the key consultations on Neighbourhood Planning activities across the District, sign up to receive council

Town and Parish Councils will use various methods to consult the community as they prepare Neighbourhood Plans or Orders

[www.planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](http://www.planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk)

*Lewes District Council is committed to supporting communities to pursue Neighbourhood Planning and adopts a flexible approach to best suit each group. Throughout the process, assistance and advice is given over the phone, by email or at meetings. It includes detailed technical input into each key stage.*

For more information on Neighbourhood Planning in Lewes District, please visit:  
<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>