

Staverton Neighbourhood Development Plan

Shaping the Future of Our Village

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

- A community-led legal planning document
- Sets policies for development and land use in the parish
- Part of the statutory development plan once approved
- Must align with national and district planning policies

What Can an NDP Do?

- Influence location, design, and type of new homes
- Protect green spaces and heritage
- Improve community infrastructure
- Reflect local priorities in planning decisions

What It Cannot Do

- Stop all development
- Conflict with national/local planning policies
- Override strategic housing targets

Key Benefits

- Gives the community a voice
- Shapes sustainable growth
- Attracts funding (e.g. Community Infrastructure Levy)
- Protects local identity and environment

The NDP Process (Overview)

1. Designate neighbourhood area
2. Community engagement
3. Evidence gathering
4. Draft the plan
5. Public consultation
6. Submit for independent examination
7. Local referendum
8. Plan becomes legally binding

Estimated Timeline

- Month 1–3: Area designation & early engagement
- Month 4–12: Vision, evidence, and drafting
- Month 13–18: Consultation and revision
- Month 19–24+: Examination, referendum, adoption

Who's Involved?

- Parish Council (Plan lead)
- Working Group or Steering Committee
- Local planning authority
- Community residents and stakeholders

How the Community Can Help

- Attend workshops & surveys
- Share local knowledge
- Support consultation and referendum

Funding & Support

- Funding was withdrawn earlier this year so we will have to find most costs from our own monies

NIMBY-ism

NIMBY-ism stands for "Not In My Back Yard"—a term used to describe opposition by residents to proposed developments in their local area, **even if they may support the idea in principle or in other locations.**

Examples of NIMBY-ism:

- Supporting renewable energy but opposing a wind farm near your village.
 - Agreeing there's a housing shortage, but objecting to new homes on nearby fields.
 - Backing public transport improvements, except when it means a new railway line near your house.
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Why It Matters in Planning:

While it's natural for people to want to protect their surroundings, **NIMBY-ism can stall or block necessary development**, even when it's well-planned and beneficial at a wider level.

Neighbourhood Development Plans must **balance local concerns with strategic needs**—they can't just say "no development here at all." The government requires them to **support sustainable growth.**

Final Thought and Next Steps

This is a unique opportunity to shape development and protect what we value.

- Define a working/steering group
- Agree a plan for a plan