

# A Clapham, Newby and Keasden Neighbourhood Plan?

## *Your chance to Vote!*

Do you want the opportunity to develop our own Neighbourhood Plan? A plan written by local residents and businesses; that helps shape the look and feel of our local community for years to come?

**What is a Neighbourhood Plan?** Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities to create their own 'Neighbourhood Plan'. Once completed Neighbourhood Plans have legal weight and become part of the wider Local Plan. The policies agreed through a Neighbourhood Plan are used in determining the outcome of planning applications, although they cannot block development that is already part of the Local Plan.

What they do is give the community a powerful tool for shaping the type of development they want in the places they want it, including creating Neighbourhood Development Orders, Community Right to Build Orders and protecting local green spaces and heritage.

**How is it done & who does it?** Neighbourhood Plans are written by the local community rather than the Local Planning Authority. A group of people from a wide range of interests in the parish would need to lead the process which would take up to a couple of years and engage with as many members of the community as possible. Once developed there would be a referendum on whether or not the community then wanted to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan. There are grants and organisations which could help us develop our plan.

**What now & what next?** On Thursday 26th October a well-attended meeting at Clapham Village Hall voted decisively in favour of launching the Neighbourhood Planning process for Clapham, Newby and Keasden. Neighbourhood Planning only works though if the whole community takes ownership of it. It was therefore decided to canvas the wider Parish to see if a majority of people were in favour or opposed to undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. If it goes ahead, we are also looking for people who might be interested in helping develop the Neighbourhood Plan or just inputting into the process.

**For more information:** have a look at <https://mycommunity.org.uk/take-action/neighbourhood-planning/> or contact a Parish Council member

So, **to have your say** please answer the questions below and return this flyer to **Clapham Village Store** or reply **by email** to [james.innerdale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:james.innerdale@yahoo.co.uk) by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017**.

- I am a resident of Clapham cum Newby Parish? **Yes/No** (please delete as appropriate).
- I am **IN FAVOUR/AGAINST** Clapham Parish undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan (please delete as appropriate).
- If it goes ahead I am interested in helping develop the Neighbourhood Plan **YES/NO?**

Name (s) .....

Phone ..... Email .....

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