

Parish Plans & Village Design Statements

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Parish Plans

Guidance for parish and town councils



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What is a Parish Plan?

- A vision of how you would like your town or village to be
- A stepping stone to applications for other grants (e.g. for transport and community services).
- Your Plan might address:
 - housing
 - bus services
 - distance of nearest doctor's surgery
 - local parks and green spaces
 - play groups
 - village halls or other meeting places
 - support for local businesses
 - building projects - ensuring designs and uses are compatible with existing buildings and their residents.

Hart's parishes



What makes your place special? The buildings



What makes your place special? The spaces



What makes your place special? The setting



What makes your place special? The history



What makes your place special? The quirky bits



What makes your place special? The activities



What makes your place special? The people



What makes your place special? The local issues and problems



- The local community knows them best

Stakeholders & Partners

- The Countryside Agency
- Hart District Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Rural Community Council
- Other Parish Councils
- Your community



Hart's role

- Enabling and facilitating
- Co-ordinating
- Advising
- Funding?
- Adopting
- Incorporating into planning framework

BUT IT'S YOUR PLAN

A Parish SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Unique character / Sense of place
- High quality buildings
- High quality spaces
- Local facilities / services / economy
- Local skills / interests
- Community connection
- Wealth

WEAKNESSES

- Out of place elements
- Poor maintenance
- Lack of co-ordination
- Lack of gathering points
- Transport and parking
- Lack of low cost housing
- Erosion of local services
- Community sectoral exclusion
- Lack of attachment

OPPORTUNITIES

- Taking stock
- Asserting local views
- Inclusive working
- Influencing and assisting planning
- Strategy for management, expenditure and activity
- Transport integration
- Meeting new needs and desires
- Improving the worst, conserving the best and enhancing the new

THREATS

- Loss of identity
- Erosion of setting
- Community alienation / disinterest / lack of focus
- Loss of local facilities / services / amenity
- Inappropriate land use
- Inappropriate design
- Dormitory status
- Vehicle dominance
- Reduced Quality of Life

Process and product

- Engage the community
- Include all sectors
- Harness local expertise and knowledge
- Review the good, bad and indifferent
- Think forwards and be real
- Produce a document suitable for adoption by Hart as Supplementary Planning Guidance

Parish initiatives – current status

	VDS	Parish Plan	Other community initiative
Blackwater & Hawley			
Bramshill			
Crandall			
Crookham Village			
Dogmersfield			
Eversley			
Greywell			
Hartley Wintney			
Heckfield			
Hook			
Long Sutton			
Mattingley			
Odiham			
Rotherwick			
South Wamborough			
Winchfield			
Yateley			
Fleet			

Draft action plan

ID	Task Name	4th Quarter				1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			1st Quarter			2nd Quarter				
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May			
1	Parish Plan Programme	[Timeline bar from Sep to May]																							
2	Set up steering group	[Task bar]																							
3	Research CA guidance		[Task bar]																						
4	Hart Seminar and workshop			[Task bar]																					
5	Engage the community			[Task bar]																					
6	Set up working groups				[Task bar]																				
7	Network and co-ordinate					[Task bar]																			
8	Survey, analysis and draft results						[Task bar]																		
9	Consult, analyse and respond																								
10	Publish																								
11	Adopt as SPG																								

Next steps for a district-wide seminar

- Receive expressions of interest
- Set venue and date
- Representatives of the community —
councillors; clerks; amenity and
interest groups; town centre
managers; local business reps;
others?
- Contact and resource database on
Hart's website

Seminar / workshop programme

- Overview - Countryside Agency
- Planning implications - Hart DC
- Improvement opportunities - Hants CC
- Practical advice & information - Hampshire RCC
- Topic groups and sharing of experience - Community reps

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