

Clevedon Neighbourhood Plan

A Neighbourhood Plan helps local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work.

It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision of how Clevedon could be developed over the next 20 years.
- Help identify where new homes, shops, offices and other key development should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces and historical/civic assets.
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

It cannot be used to:

- Prevent development that is included in the North Somerset Council Local Plan.
- Conflict with strategic Local Plan policies prepared by North Somerset District Council.

A typical Neighbourhood Plan might include:

- The development of housing, including affordable housing (affordable housing is housing that is not normally for sale on the open market), and bringing vacant or derelict housing back into use.
- Transport and access (including issues around roads, cycling, walking and access for disabled people).
- The development of schools, places of worship, health facilities, leisure and entertainment facilities, community and youth centres and village halls.
- The restriction of certain types of development and change of use, for example to avoid too much of one type of use.
- The design of new buildings.
- Protection and creation of open space, nature reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens, and the planting of trees.
- Protection of important buildings and historic assets.
- Promotion of renewable energy projects, such as solar energy and wind turbines.
- Promotion of initiatives and services which foster community-wide health and well-being.

Key Questions..... and answers!

Why does Clevedon need a Neighbourhood Plan?

We don't have to have one – but an increasing number of cities, towns and villages throughout the UK are recognising that they need more than just the development plans prepared by their local council to help determine and decide how the place they live in evolves into the future. It's not just about *where* development is located in the future and how much of it - but how that growth best serves and compliments the community's needs and aspirations - the places it wants to protect and preserve - and the steps needed to sustain a stronger, vibrant and united community.

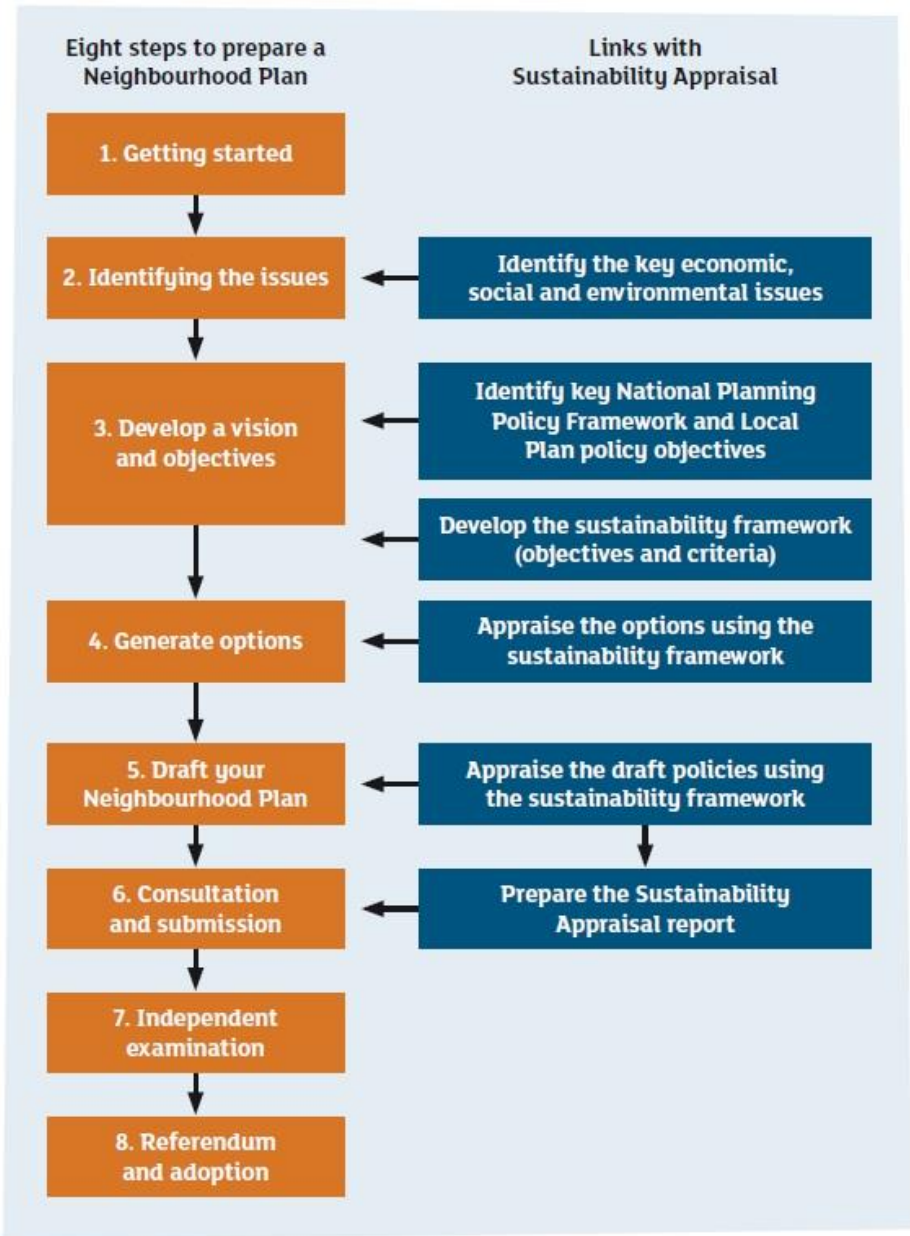
How is a Neighbourhood Plan prepared and how long does it take?

The planning process (right) shows the steps that the Clevedon Neighbourhood Plan Steering group must undertake to deliver the completed Plan.

The Group anticipates that it will take about 2 years to complete

Who sits on the Steering Group?

The group is composed of Clevedon Town Councillors and local residents. Their combined experience and expertise cover a broad spectrum of interests including community engagement, town-planning, architecture, community health and well-being, ecology, affordable housing, social support, faith groups and education. They are all local residents.



Who can be involved in preparing the Plan?

Anyone and everyone who lives in Clevedon! As the Neighbourhood Plan evolves the Steering Group will create opportunities for local people to contribute their views on the emerging plans. Local input and views will be crucial. Once the Plan is completed, it will be the subject of a local referendum to decide whether it should be adopted.