



Silsoe Parish Council is creating a Neighbourhood Plan for our community. Neighbourhood Plans have been introduced by the Government as a new way for local people to influence the planning and development of the area in which they live and work.

Once approved, the Plan will have legal force in setting out what development is acceptable in our parish and for what reasons - developers and the local authority planners will have to take note – and will ensure that we have a say and some degree of influence in whatever happens in Silsoe. Without it, we will have little control over development and less access to community funding.

With it we can identify -

- where new homes, shops, offices and other development **should be built** and influence what type of housing and
- Identify and protect important local green spaces or other treasured assets

This process will take about 12-18 months and will involve the whole community. So that we can focus on specific issues, we have four sub-committees that reflect Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Plan –

- ***Local character and Environment***
- ***Transport***
- ***Jobs and business***
- ***Growth and infrastructure and Homes***

We will be looking at involving as many villagers as possible over the coming months and find out your views under these key areas and understand how you see Silsoe growing and developing sustainably over the next few years.

Please let us know today whether you have any issues that specifically concern you and whether you would like to be involved in any of the sub-committees

Alternatively – keep up to date with our progress in Silsoe News and on the Silsoe Parish Council website and Facebook pages!



**Silsoe Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee**

Website - <http://silsoe.bedsparishes.gov.uk>

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