

Neighbourhood Plan

Coffee and Cake Afternoon, November 2024

In November 2024 the Steering Committee arranged a public meeting in Hatfield Broad Oak Village Hall to update the residents on the progress of making the Neighbourhood Plan and, where possible, provide answers to any questions raised,



Join us for a Coffee and Cake afternoon



Find out how the work on our Neighbourhood Plan for the parish is going



Get answers to any questions you may have from members of the committee



We will be showing our draft Visions and Objectives, together with our Core Policies

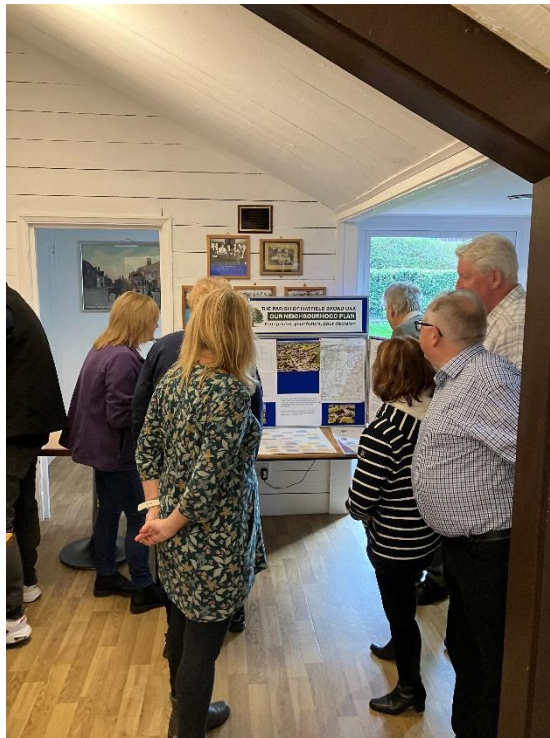


We hope to have an update on our housing allocation

Your parish, your future, your decision

The flyer above advertising the event was posted around the parish and it was also advertised on Facebook.

Details of our proposed Visions and Objectives and Core Policies were exhibited together with a copy of our Project Plan. We also provided results of the SWOT analysis taken at the Flower Festival earlier in the year.



The meeting was attended by 5 members of the Steering Committee and 37 members of the public.



There was a lively discussion about the overall purpose of the Plan and, particularly, about the new housing which Hatfield Broad Oak would be required to build as part of the emerging Local Plan from Uttlesford District Council.

Below is a brief flavour of the type of questions raised and the answers given:

Question	Answer
What is the purpose of you producing a Neighbourhood Plan?	The purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Plan is to allow residents to have more influence over the changes that will happen over the next 17 or 18 years.
How much is it costing the people of Hatfield Broad Oak to produce the Plan?	So far, it has not cost the residents of Hatfield Broad Oak anything. This is because we have been able to secure grants for professional services and sundry items such as hall hire etc. The Steering Committee and Working Group give their time for free.
When do you expect the Plan to be completed?	Depending on the time spent with inspectors etc, we hope to complete the Plan by the end of this year or early 2026.
If the District Council are forcing this parish to accommodate 115 new houses, where will they go?	No decisions have been made about where our allocation of houses will be sited. We have completed a call for sites invitation and that will be evaluated. We are expecting to employ the services of a planning consultant to assist us in this task. Once completed, we will be putting out our proposals to residents for their comments.
Will the Plan address the need for new social housing?	We certainly hope so. We are working with a particular Housing Association about introducing some Rural Exception Sites into our allocated number of dwellings. We are extremely keen on providing low-cost housing into the village which, we hope, will bring in young families.