

### **Meet the team**

Following a publicity campaign to let the village know about the Neighbourhood Plan a number of people stepped forward to help. As a result we formed a Neighbourhood Plan Team which has collective responsibility for the development of the plan.

Here's the team:

Chris Coombs – Housing lead  
Paul Frith – Parish Councillor and leader and education leader  
Adam Graveley – Sustainability lead  
Julie James – Business lead  
Dave Jenner – Roads and Transport lead  
Ian Millard – Project planner, website and data manager  
John O'Dwyer – Wordsmith, maps and graphics  
Betty Picknell – History lead  
Paul Shaw – Project management and communications  
Bev Trevitt – Funding and link to Bucks Community Action  
Tonia Vincent – Health lead

We also have supporters who have particular skills and they have offered their time when we need them. If you have any skills relating to planning and development of plans like this, we'd love to hear from you.

### **Contact us**

If you know any of the team please feel free to approach them and let them know your thoughts. Alternatively please use any of the following ways to contact us:

**Website** – [www.steepleclaydonplan.org.uk](http://www.steepleclaydonplan.org.uk) has lots of information about what we have done to date and other background documents you may find interesting

**Email us** – [clerkscpc@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:clerkscpc@btinternet.co.uk)

**Phone us** – 07745 349101 (Steeple Claydon Parish clerk).

Thanks for reading this. We look forward to making sure that the character and nature of our great village is maintained for generations to come!



### **Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Neighbourhood Plans have a special status in the planning process – they have to be considered when planning applications are made for new developments. If an application goes to appeal they are again taken into consideration and recently Winslow won a test case to protect the town from unwanted development. It is our opportunity to confirm the village's thoughts about proposed future developments.

The Steeple Claydon Parish Council is committed to a developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. We will talk to as many people and organisations in the village as we can to understand their needs and develop ideas about its future development. Once we've collected these ideas we'll develop proposals about the possible changes that would be needed to deliver a better village in the future.

We want to use the plan to help the Parish Council decide where to spend its money. We will use public meetings and surveys to identify what people want and these ideas will be used to guide the future development of the village.

**The potential impact of HS2 and the Infrastructure Maintenance Department, both during construction and operation on the village is huge.** We will take this opportunity to think about what we can do to protect our precious village and will ask you for your ideas about how these can be dealt with to help improve the lives of all residents.

Please take a few minutes to read this leaflet. If you feel you have something to contribute right now please get in touch. If you want to follow the progress of the plan please visit our website. Full details of how to contact us are on the back page.



### How are we going about it?

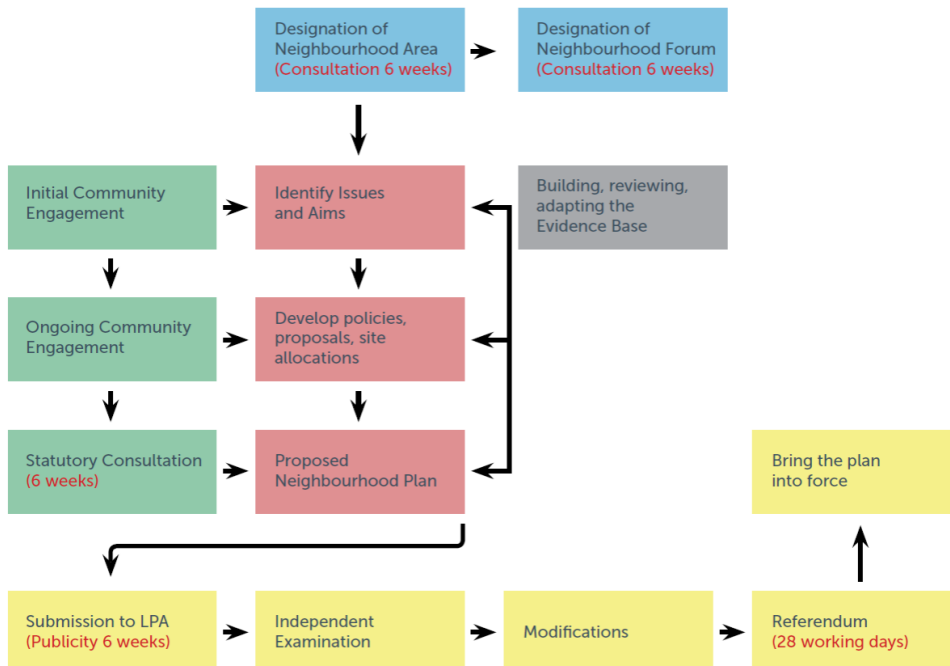
The Parish Council has formed a team to focus on the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. This has representation from the Parish Council but is largely made up of people who responded to a request for volunteers to support the development of a plan.

There's a lot of published information about how to develop Neighbourhood Plans and we are in touch with Bucks Community Action which has plenty of experience in this field. We are using them to make sure we don't re-invent the wheel and to guide us away from the possible pitfalls. As we gather this information we are storing it on our website so if you want to have a look at it please feel free to browse.

There are 5 formal stages to the process:

1. Evidence gathering and visioning
2. Development of the Pre-submission Plan (draft plan for consultation)
3. Submission plan (taking account of the consultation feedback)
4. Examination
5. Referendum.

Stages 1, 2 and 3 are carried out by the Neighbourhood Plan team. Stages 4 and 5 are undertaken by AVDC. The following diagram illustrates the process:



We've already completed the blue boxes and we're working on the green, red and grey ones. After that it's over to AVDC to run the process through to a referendum where all the village voters will have the opportunity to vote on the plan.

### Topics

We have identified the following topics which we think covers the key aspects of life in the village:

- Housing – looking at the future housing needs of locals
- Health – looking at all aspects of helping people to live more healthily
- Education – making sure there is sufficient high-quality education available for the village
- Recreation – encouraging everyone to take part in recreation and make sure the facilities in the village meet their needs
- Traffic and transport – examining the village road network problems and public transport
- Business – understanding the needs of local businesses
- History – making sure we remember what made this village what it is today.

We have decided to consider sustainability across all topics to ensure we develop a plan that provides an effective future for the village and for the environment.

### Consultation

We are keen to involve as many people as possible in the development of the plan. Our meetings are open to the public, we have a website which gives lots of information about what we're doing, we're planning consultation forums where you can come along and talk about your ideas and concerns and we'll be conducting a formal survey to make sure we have statistics to support our ideas as they develop. If you feel that there's something we're not doing that would help the consultation process please let us know and we'll make sure we respond.

### Timescale

We have set ourselves a very challenging timescale. Our target is to reach the yellow boxes in the diagram by February 2016. We can do it! To make it effective we need your help and support. Please join in the discussion by whatever method suits you best so we can develop a plan that truly represents the views of the residents of our wonderful village.