



Woodmancote
PARISH COUNCIL

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Woodmancote Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Call for Sites

Background

A Neighbourhood Plan is a mechanism for helping communities, including both local residents and businesses influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for the parish.
- Propose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces.
- Influence what new buildings (if development takes place) should look like.

Woodmancote is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, under the provisions of the Localism Act 2012. As part of its work in assessing future development needs, the Woodmancote Steering Group is calling upon landowners and agents of land within the parish for expressions of interest in applying for future development permission.

Why are we calling for sites?

This is an informal opportunity for landowners and developers to propose sites within Woodmancote Parish to be considered for development. This exercise will not in itself decide whether a site would be allocated for development by the neighbourhood plan nor will it commit the proposer(s) to applying for planning consent, but it will enable the committee to better understand the needs and wishes of the electors within its Parish area. The site suggestions received by us will be used to guide and inform the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

If you want a site/s to be considered for development by the Neighbourhood Plan, we should like to hear from you. The sites need not be in your ownership if you have a responsibility for managing them and they can be proposals for a wide range of development uses. (In this context, the term 'development' applies to any use of land within the boundaries of the parish: eg for housing, sport and recreation, public utilities, business premises, etc). So please note that this enquiry is not confined to how to meet any housing needs that may be identified.

There is no obligation on the Parish Council or its Steering Group to support any future application for development on land that has been brought forward. Any site finally identified as having potential to deliver a neighbourhood plan policy would still require to be subjected to a formal site assessment.

Please contact the clerk of Woodmancote Parish Council at 48 Titmus Drive Tilgate Crawley West Sussex RH10 5ER or woodmancoteparishcouncil@gmail.com

Please let us hear from you by 2nd December 2014