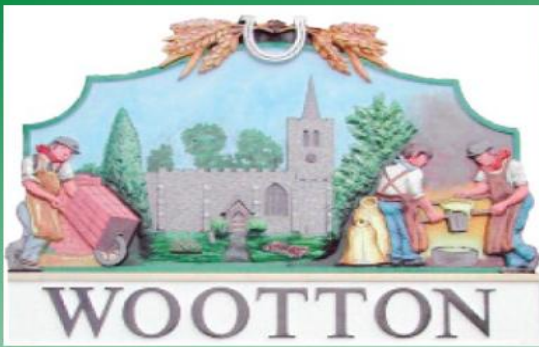




Neighbourhood Plan

Your neighbourhood; your future

WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING?

- A Neighbourhood Plan would set out how **OUR COMMUNITY** would like its land to be developed and used - such as where new homes, shops and places of work should be built and what they should look like. It helps us to get the **right type of development** for our village.
- Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the Government in 2012 and aims to **involve people in decisions about their own area**.
- But Neighbourhood Plans must also meet the needs of the wider, local area and must fit within the wider planning framework. Saying “no more development” is not an option, but having your say means that **your views will be taken into account** as part of the Borough Council's assessment of housing and other development needs.
- The Wootton Neighbourhood Development Plan will be developed during 2017 and 2018.
- The draft Neighbourhood Plan would be endorsed or rejected by a **COMMUNITY REFERENDUM** (likely to take place in Spring 2019). If endorsed, the Neighbourhood Plan would have statutory authority and Bedford Borough Council would be required to take account of it in planning decisions affecting the area.

THIS LAUNCH EVENT IS ALL ABOUT HELPING OUR COMMUNITY INFLUENCE THE PLACE IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND HOW IT WILL CHANGE OVER TIME.

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