

**Ford Neighbourhood
Plan Group**



*Agreeing a future
for the future...*

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Dear Ford Residents

The Neighbourhood Plan team invited you all to attend a public seminar last year and fill in a survey to understand how you wanted the Parish of Ford to look in years to come. A Neighbourhood Plan is a legally binding document which can protect agriculture, implement public footpaths, offer land for development, but most of all it reflects what the public want, rather than what the developers want.

Unfortunately the incinerator is going to be built on the former Tarmac site despite massive public opposition.

Following the public survey 50% of the residents of Ford want to see some housing development in Ford. This will be one focus of the next Neighbourhood Plan.

To this end the Neighbourhood Plan team are inviting you all to attend a final public event that will showcase the following results from the last survey:-

- new footpaths
- protected agriculture
- development of part of the airfield
- a new Grundon access route that will draw the 60+ lorries away from Rodney Crescent and Rollaston Park
- protection of the parts of Ford we all love

The group have been made aware that it is likely that Arun District Council's Local Plan will be rejected by the Government inspector because it is likely the level of house building per year will need to be substantially increased. Arun District Council see the airfield as a prime location for development to meet housing needs. The Neighbourhood Plan is your chance to put in place a legally binding document to STOP excessive building on the airfield.

Please join us at **Yapton and Ford Village Hall** on **7th March 2015** from 10am to 4pm - free tea and coffee as always, to submit your thoughts and ideas. A further survey will be sent out.

After this event we will go through the necessary stages to take the Plan to referendum where you will have the opportunity to vote YES or NO.

This is your plan, your future, and your chance to have your say about your Parish. All Neighbourhood Plan Group members are volunteers and are interested in the future of Ford, protecting it and making it a better place to live - please help them.

P.S. The new Clerk of Ford Parish Council is now in post, he is a local resident of Ford and his name is Clive Grant. The Parish Council office is situated in Yapton and Ford Village Hall and is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10.00 am until 2.00pm.

Kind regards

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