

**Ford Neighbourhood  
Plan Group**



*Agreeing a future  
for the future...*

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As you will be aware Ford Parish Council has been working on a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish since 2013.

We previously consulted you on the plans to develop the airfield with a range of new facilities. Since that time the Arun District Local Plan has been delayed. Arun District Council is now required to provide over 900 new homes a year throughout the district, until 2031.

As we anticipated Ford like other Arun Parishes would be expected to take a substantial number of new homes. At the last Neighbourhood Plan Group open day the community voted for 1500 homes. We worked on that figure and Arun District made Ford a strategic site for 1500 homes. Various groups and other Parishes campaigned for an increase of up to 3500 new homes at Ford, which the Parish strongly objected to. The figure of 1500 new homes is in the Arun Local Plan that the Government Inspector is reviewing.

The Neighbourhood Group have always sought to create a village with services, not a housing estate. To this end we have worked with the site promoters, land owners and others to create a vibrant village community. We have asked Campaign to Protect Rural England to assist with the process and they will be at the open day.

The NDG have worked with the developers and together will consult the community before the developers submit a planning application. **The ability to have this combined workshop with community and developers is unique for the area. We are seeking your views on development of new homes, with community and infrastructure provision.** We will also be seeking your views on how the community facilities will be provided.

A Ford Community Land Trust has also been formed to provide affordable housing and other services the parishioners and village needs. Further information will be at the open day.

The first **open event** showcasing this will take place on the **12<sup>th</sup> May 2018** between 1400 and 16.30 at the Arun Arena, Rollaston Park, Ford Airfield. Additional dates have also been booked for further consultations on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June with final dates of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.

Please do come along and tell us what you think as well as to understand more about the next steps.

Yours faithfully

Trevor Ford

Chairman Ford Parish Council