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#### Neighbourhood Plan Process

The draft NP has been submitted to the Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator at the Council together with the recently updated Heritage Report, which covers both built and natural environments and is an adjunct to the NP

#### *NP Process*

- 1 NP Screening Draft checked by MMPC
- 2 It will then be sent to BC for screening. This will determine whether it needs to have more detailed Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment; It should not require either but this needs to be checked by BC
- 3 Letter to Landowners informing them of Local Green Space assignment.
- 4 After screening, the draft NP is finalised and formally approved by MMPC, this is known as Regulation 14 approval
- 5 Six-week consultation process on the plan during which interested parties can make representations in writing.
- 6 Representations are considered and modifications made if justified. Thereafter, a Consultation Statement is prepared listing all representations, the action taken and the rationale for this
- 7 The Basic Conditions Statement lays out how the plan is in general conformity national and local plan policies and requirements and how it contributes to Sustainable Development.
- 8 MMPC formally approves CS and BCS and the plan is submitted to BC
- 9 They appoint an independent examiner, who has to be agreed by MMPC. The IE confirms that the plan conforms to legal requirements, and that the CS and BCS are properly delivered and may request changes before it is signed off.
- 10 Once IE approval is given, BC organises a referendum which is binding and thereafter, if it is accepted by a simple majority of the electors who voted, the NP has full legal force.