

Project Mandate

Project Name:	HFTC Neighbourhood Plan		
Project code/JN:		Customer:	Higham Ferrers Residents
Project Manager:	Philip Toogood	Project Sponsor:	Higham Ferrers Town Clerk
Project Description	A 20 year plan for the development of Higham Ferrers		
Author:	Philip Toogood		

Responsible Authority:

Higham Ferrers Town Council

Background and objectives:

The Localism Act was passed by Government in November 2011 and final regulations relating to the Act and regulating the process came into force in April 2012. The Act allows local areas to produce a spatial development plan for their area and if adopted future planning applications would have to have regard to the policies within this plan.

Higham Ferrers Town Council has decided that it requires a Neighbourhood Plan and wishes to have one in place as quickly as possible. The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to:

- create local planning policies for Higham Ferrers which development proposals need to adhere to;
- protect against inappropriate and speculative development, and to provide greater control over development;
- bring forward facilities and improvements which are needed by the town

Project Scope and interfaces:

Scope:

- develop strategic options
- present options for public consultation and acceptance
- submit the preferred options plan for approval by an independent Assessor and all statutory authorities
- submit approved plan to a public referendum

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Interfaces:

- Residents
- Business, education and community groups
- Local and Statutory Authorities
- Landowners and developers
- Neighbouring towns and villages

Constraints or restrictions expected:

- Landowners
- Local Authority plans
- Government plans
- Finance and other resources

Outline Business Case:

See Business Case

Project Tolerances:

- Timescale expected to be 12-18 months but may extend due to lack of resources
- Cost not to exceed £51,050 unless additional resources can be procured
- Locality grant of £7000 must be spent in FY2013/14

The customer(s), user(s) and any other interested parties:

See interfaces above.

Who might be the Project Executive and Project Manager:

Executive: Nigel Cheetham, Steering Group Chairman

Project Manager: Philip Toogood

Reference any associated documents or products:

HFTC Community Plan

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