

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)?



A “Neighbourhood Development Plan” (NDP) is intended to guide development in a parish over the next ten years or so. NDPs are intended to reflect the views of the people of the local parish on a range of planning matters that will affect the way their parish develops, such as how many and where new houses are built or where new employment sites might be located.

An NDP must also conform to strategic planning policies at both national and district level. National Planning Policies are set out in the Government’s National Planning Policy framework. District planning policies, which must conform to the National Planning Policy Framework are set out in the Forest of Dean District Council’s Core strategy, Local Plan and Allocation Plan.



Designated
Mitcheldean
NDP area

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NDPs are drawn up by a steering committee of volunteers on behalf of the parish council based on the views of the local people.

If passed by an independent examination and by a local referendum an NDP becomes a legal document and is incorporated into the local planning authority's statutory planning framework, which in the case of Mitcheldean is the Forest of Dean District Council.



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An NDP addresses important planning land use and environmental concerns within a parish, as identified during the local consultation.

- It sets out a vision for the future of the parish.
- It lists the issues to be considered over the NDP period of ten years.
- It contains policies to maintain the distinctiveness and character of the parish.
- It plans for sustainable development to meet local needs for housing, employment, and infrastructure.

