

How has the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) team set about recommending which potential development sites might be most appropriate to meet Watlington's future housing needs – a 'three stage process'

Stage 1: To Identify potential development sites - in July 2013 the District Council identified 12 potential sites. In 2014-2015 the Parish Council approached local landowners to understand what additional sites might be available. As a result this list has grown to **43 potential sites** (as of April 2016)

Stage 2: Establish criteria against which all sites can be assessed. These sites have to be compared using common and objective criteria which have to take into account national/local policies and guidelines They need also to reference other influences on planning, including the Chilterns' Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), areas affected by flood risk, the Watlington Conservation Area and Historic Assets. Above all, it is important that they reflect local opinion as expressed in the NP consultations and surveys, and 'The Vision for Watlington' report. This has led to the final list of 16 objective questions/criteria (April 2016)

Stage 3: Determine which sites are likely to best meet Watlington's objectives. All the sites are being assessed against the criteria and this process will continue until all the evidence is available. At this stage we know that **17 of the possible 43 sites** are available for development so we are concentrating on those. These roadshows will give an opportunity to provide further input and your feedback will help in developing the options available for housing. These options will then form the basis of the NP to take to residents