

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan

What is it?
Who/How/When?
Why bother?



Watlington - Heart of the Chilterns



What?

Localism Act 2011

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Came into force 6th April 2012

- **Devolve planning power**
- **Influence development locations**
- **Protect valuable assets**
- **Increase local spending power**

- **Legal status**

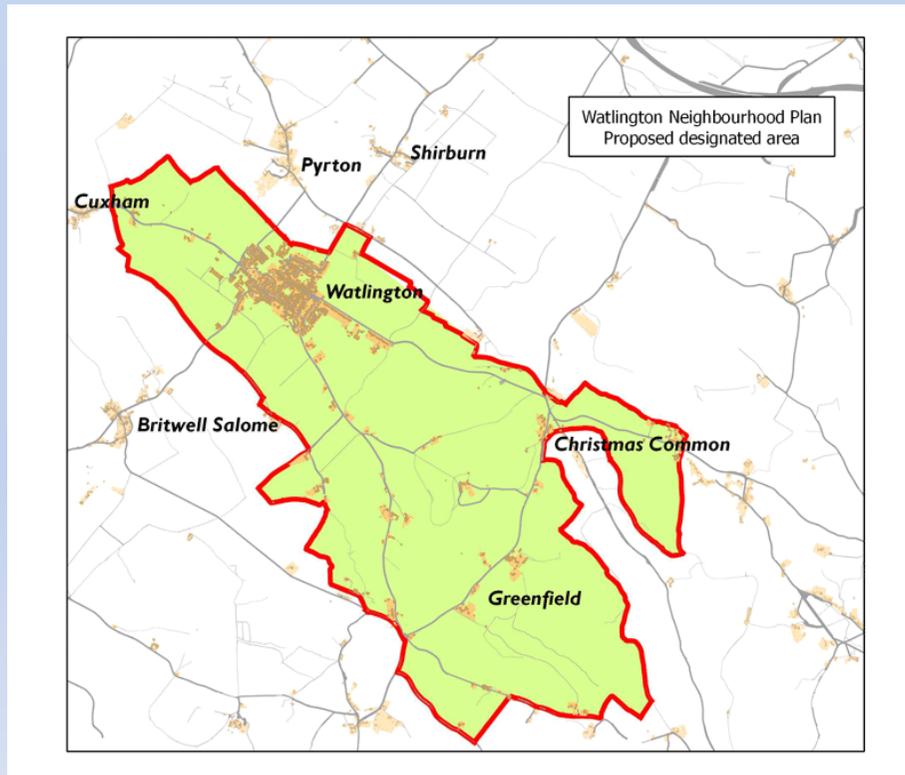
Quick guide available at

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Neighbourhood-Planning-Quick-Guide.pdf>



Where?

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Area approved by SODC in October 2013 covers the whole parish.



What?

Scope – to be decided by the community, but can cover anything of relevance to the urban planning process

For example the Thame plan includes:

- Development locations
- Housing/Business/Recreation
- Landscape types
- Landscape strategy – (conserve/repair/restore)
- Conservation areas
- Flood zones
- Allotments
- Agricultural use



What?

it is not . . .

- a wish list
- an unlimited pot of new money

it is . . .

- an opportunity to exercise more local control
- potentially a source of new money

it must be . . .

- evidence-based
- supported by referendum
- sustainable



Who?

Watlington Parish Council
Schools, Police, Health, Fire
Business Association
Sports clubs
Voluntary organisations

Volunteers
Assistance from SODC

How? When?

Application	✓
Consultation	starts now
Draft plan	↓
Consultation	
Inspection	
Referendum	2015
Adoption	2015 onwards



Why bother?

- **Community involvement in the future**
- **Access to additional funding**
- **A legal basis for development**
- **If we don't . . .
 . . . we get what is pushed on us**

Interested? Want to volunteer?

- contact the Parish Office 01491-613867

