

Community Engagement & Survey Results

The Parish of East Coker has a strong community and has previously produced documents to influence the development of the area. The Neighbourhood Plan draws upon evidence gathered from a range of sources and it builds upon other community projects such as the Parish Plan of 2005.

These have helped inform and provide the rationale for the policies set out in the Plan. This level of community involvement has been a sound basis for the development of the Plan. Extensive consultation has been the foundation for the development of the Plan and this has included the following events and activities:

2013

1. 13 January 2013 - Parish Council makes application for Neighbourhood Plan Designation.
2. 10 September 2013 - SSDC approval of Neighbourhood Plan Designation Area.
3. 26 October 2013 - East Coker Neighbourhood Plan Launch Day.
4. October 2013 to January 2014 - Parish Survey distributed collect and analysed.

2014

5. 2013 and 2014 – Fact finding, Research and Evidence Base gathering.
6. February 2014 – NP Preliminary Survey Report finalised.
7. 26 May 2014 – Evidence Base Report finalised.
8. July 2014 – Village Fete feedback to Parishioners.
9. July to October 2014 – Work up Draft Vision and Objectives.
10. November/December 2014 - Consult on Draft Vision and Objectives.
11. November 2014 discuss with SSDC about Conservation Areas Appraisals as part of the NP.

2015

12. January 2015 – Work up draft policy intents
13. February 2015 draft policy intents sent to SSDC (Delayed SSDC response due to Local Plan).
14. June/July 2015 – Review SSDC response to policy intents.
15. July 2015 - Conservation Areas – preliminary work passed to Parish Council for consideration/action.
16. August 2015 engage new consultants – review progress and previous work. Framework and timetable for future development of the plan agreed
17. September 2015 – Prepare up-date questionnaire and plan: ‘Your Parish Your Plan’ Open Day.
18. 16 October 2015 – ‘*Your Parish Your Plan*’ Open Day
19. January 2016 - Update of Neighbourhood Plan included in Parish Newsletter
20. February/March 2016 – further informal consultation with SSDC Planning Department
21. 19 March 2016 - Further consultation ‘Drop In’ event in Village Hall on Draft Plan and Policies

Further consultation and deliberation will be undertaken including:

- A **6 week period of consultation** with the public and statutory organisations, before the Plan is formally submitted to South Somerset District Council
- The District Council will then advertise the Plan
- There will then be an **of the Plan** by an Independent Inspector
- Following this, there will be a local **Referendum** and if supported by over 50% of those who vote, it will be **Formally Adopted or Made**.