

# A Neighbourhood Plan for Swavesey



# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- A Plan to set out a community's vision for their area over 10, 15, 20 years.
- Unlike a Parish Plan, once agreed the Neighbourhood Plan **has the same legal status as the District Council's Local Plan** so, decisions on planning applications **must** take the Neighbourhood Plan into consideration.
- Communities can put in place planning policies that will help deliver how they wish to see their area develop.

# The Neighbourhood Plan

## **Can:**

- propose more development than the District Council's Local Plan
- identify the most suitable sites for development
- help to determine what type and design of development should take place

## **Cannot:**

- propose less growth than in the Local Plan
- prevent any development from ever taking place in an area
- be prepared without community input and support
- be in conflict with local, national or EU policies

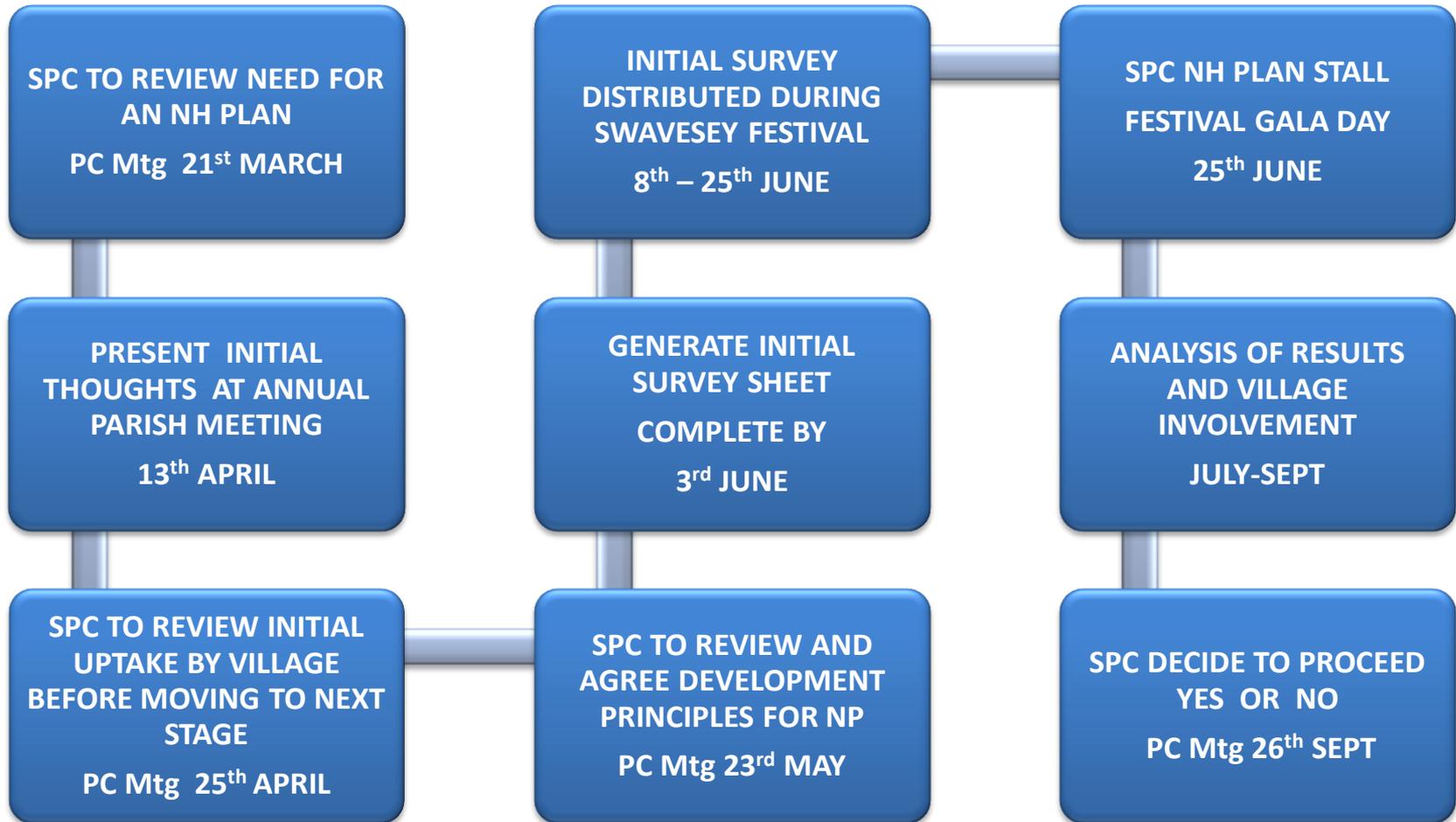
# Why should Swavesey consider this now?

- Recent speculative, unplanned, outside of the development boundary, residential proposals.
- Starting now will not be the answer to current proposals, but will ensure we have a stronger voice to address future proposals.
- The information and policies in the Plan would give us a stronger negotiating voice, to ensure the village benefits in the way we wish it to from future proposals.

# Who and what is involved?

- The Parish Council initiates the process and works with the community to develop their proposals.
- The consent of local people must be secured through a referendum before the plan can be passed.
- As the Local Planning Authority, South Cambridgeshire District Council, supports the parish through the neighbourhood planning process.

# Initial Time-line for Parish Council



# What is the cost?

- On average a Neighbourhood Plan will take approx 2-3 years to complete.
- It may cost up to £15,000.
- Grant funding is available, up to £9,000.
- The Parish Council provides the additional funding.
- Volunteer time is required both from Parish Cllrs and local residents.

# What Next?

- The Parish Council will continue to discuss whether a Neighbourhood Plan could be right for the village.
- We are talking to other villages who are already going through this process: Cottenham, Linton, Gamlingay, Waterbeach...
- **We will be looking for residents support and involvement.**
- We will carry out an initial consultation during this year's Festival Week.

# Your Support

If you would like to help with this project please  
leave your contact details with us

**Or speak to any of your Parish Councillors**

Email us: [clerk@swavesey.org.uk](mailto:clerk@swavesey.org.uk)

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