

## BACKGROUND

The Localism Act 2011 empowers local communities in England to take the lead in planning how their own neighbourhoods will develop.

A “Woore” Neighbourhood Plan will enable the local community to shape the future development of the village for the benefit of the local community.

Woore, like many rural areas in England, is the object of increasing pressures for development. Should no specific level of growth be agreed and no planning policies of local authorities be clearly defined, developments can come forward that are neither suitable for the area nor benefiting the local community.

The Woore Neighbourhood Plan will be a statutory planning policy document supported through a public vote by a majority of the local population which will enable Woore Parish Council to have a greater and more positive influence on how the village develops in the future.

In order to produce a robust and acceptable plan it is necessary to have a good understanding of both the neighbourhood area and the local community views about what should be done to improve and protect it, with a locally based team responsible for drawing up the Plan.

When completed and accepted, the plan forms a part of the wider Regional and National Planning Strategy. National Policy supports the principle of Neighbourhood Planning in setting out a positive vision for the future of local areas, including sustainable development of the community, business, and local community amenities and facilities; but also mindful of retaining services and respecting the character of the village and local countryside.

## WHAT WE NEED TO DO

For any plan to be considered viable and an accurate reflection of the community’s wishes it is vital that residents actively participate in its creation. ***The Planning Team must therefore consist of village residents as well as Parish Councillors.*** Official designation of the whole area of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area, under the provisions of the Act, is now imminent, all other stages of this having been completed.

Volunteers are required to form the Planning Team and give general support to the whole process. If we do not get enough support the plan cannot proceed as it must include members of the local community in its creation.

***It is very simple; if we don’t get enough volunteers we cannot guarantee any voice in the future development of our village and the impact it could have on all of us.***

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP  
(ANYTHING FROM LEAFLETING to I. T. SUPPORT)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

What part of the village do you live in? (Delete as appropriate)  
WOORE / PIPEGATE / IRELAND’S CROSS / ONNELEY

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*info@woorenpt.org.uk***