Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan, a Neighbourhood Development Order or a Community Right to Build Order. Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and the legislation came into effect in April 2012. A sub-group of volunteers is working on behalf of Parish Council to deliver Eardisland's Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Bulletin Board

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will set out the objectives and policies required to provide local control of development in Eardisland, alongside the national and Herefordshire Council planning policies. Once the Draft Plan is finalised, Parishioners will be consulted. More details will be circulated soon.

Meanwhile, the draft land-use policy themes relate to:

- Taking care of the public spaces and facilities in the parish – village hall, recreation ground, church, footpaths, etc

- Making sure that development suits the characteristics of the village and wider parish – according to the needs and wishes of residents and relevant legislation

- Ensuring that new and existing business enterprises are afforded encouragement and support.

Policy aspirations which will be included in the Draft Plan are:

- To get people more involved – promoting voluntary projects to help the parish

- Road safety – largely about speeding through the built-up areas

- Wild-life habitat protection

- Provision of high speed Broadband

- A 'duty of care' provision – so that the wishes of the community are taken into account in as many aspects of the Plan's themes and implementation as possible.

Please think about these policy themes. Consultation – through specific events and face to face consultations – will aim to get a majority of Parishioners' opinions on the Draft Plan. The final plan is subject to a local referendum before it becomes legally binding.

NB: Neighbourhood Development Plan news is updated regularly in the Parish Magazine and on the website.

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