

Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan

IVYBRIDGE

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A brief recap

A neighbourhood plan must be **prepared by the local community** and be designed to be able to be used as part of the **development plan** for the area

It must meet certain **basic conditions**, fitting local, national and European policy requirements and delivering sustainable development

It should be **succinct, unambiguous and user-friendly**

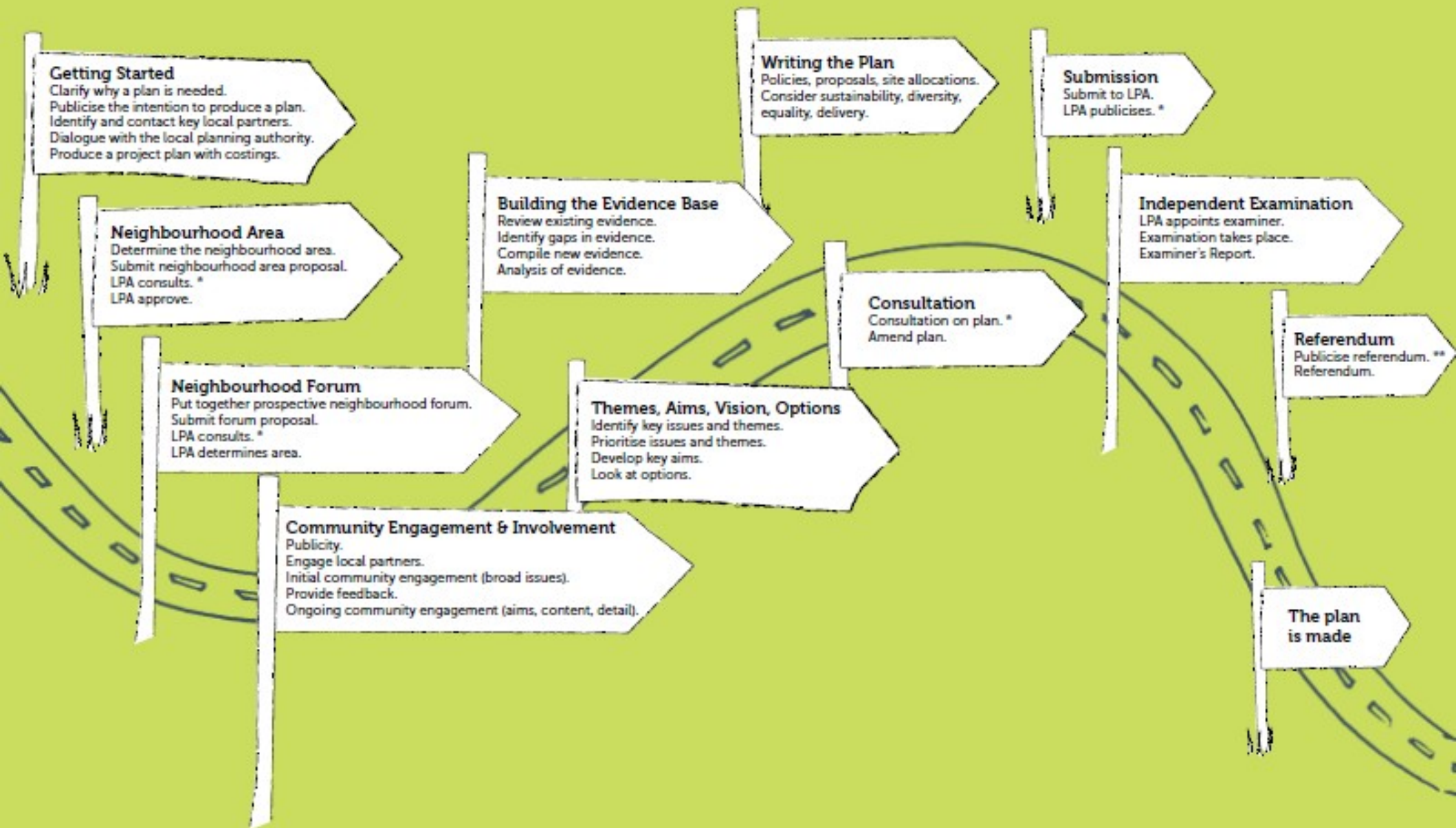
The process for its preparation is flexible but must involve **consultation** with and involvement of the community with an independent **examination**, and a **referendum**

Basic conditions for neighbourhood plans

A neighbourhood plan must meet some basic conditions:

1. It must be **appropriate** having regard to national policy
2. It must contribute to the achievement of **sustainable development**
3. It must be in **general conformity** with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area
4. It must be compatible with **human rights** requirements and **EU obligations**

Neighbourhood Plan Process

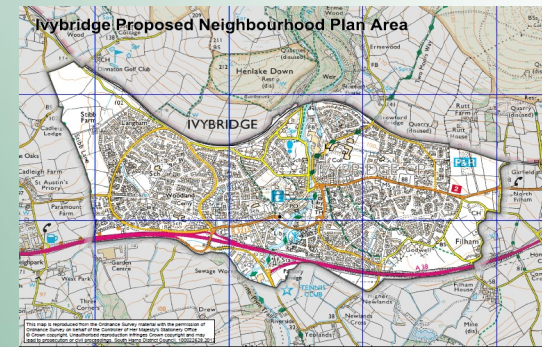


* Minimum time - 6 weeks

** Minimum time - 25 working days

Progress so far

- The plan area has been declared
- A steering group has been formed
- Consultation has been started
- A vision has been determined
- Focus groups have been called



The Vision for Ivybridge

A recent workshop determined the vision for the plan

“Ivybridge - a friendly mill town offering the opportunity for healthy, **creative and sustainable lifestyles with a future which embraces its edge of moor, bridge and river location”**

Context

The Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan should:

- **Learn from the past**
- **Address current issues**
- **Provide for the future**



Origins and assets



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Distinctive character





Open for business?

Aims for focus groups today

The topic areas for the two focus groups are derived from the expressed priorities for Ivybridge and the town vision:

- 1. Regeneration and investment**
- 2. Healthy, creative and sustainable lifestyles**

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Aims for focus groups today

- 1. Focus on the town centre but have an eye to the whole town and beyond**
- 2. Address the need to promote sustainable development**
- 3. Determine main issues and objectives for the topic**
- 4. Report back initial thoughts and findings today**
- 5. Go on to produce a brief report within the next few weeks**

The Focus Groups

Outline template for groups to follow

Produce a summary report including at least the following:

What are the issues for the topic area?

What are the aspirations and objectives for the topic?

Can you suggest any draft policies and/or proposals to help address these?

What evidence are these things based on?

How has sustainability been taken into account?

Are there any other matters outside the topic area that should be considered?

Aims for focus groups today

FOCUS GROUP 1

- **Regeneration and investment**

Looking to secure investment in the town, particularly redevelopment in the town centre

- *The challenge of securing town centre investment*
- *Promoting new job opportunities*
- *Making the town centre a destination of choice*
- *Increasing footfall by 25% in 5 years*
- *Ensuring infrastructure to match new housing, including a new link road south of the town*

Aims for focus groups today

FOCUS GROUP 2

- **Healthy, creative and sustainable lifestyles**

Aiming to build from the vision for Ivybridge and to optimise its potential for a good quality of life

- *Further developing the town's reputation for sports*
- *Enhancing access to and enjoyment of the river*
- *Addressing poor air quality in Western Road*
- *Improving cycle facilities and access for all*
- *That the town be recognised as a healthy and sustainable place to live*

Aims for focus groups today

Focus Group 1: Regeneration and investment

Steve Hitch (chair), Cllr Roger Croad, Cllr Mike Saltern, Cllr Anthony Khong, Martin Coard, Jonathan Bell, Tim Offer, Hannah Whiting

(Supported by Lee Bray and Lesley Hughes. Facilitated by Planning Aid.)

Focus Group 2: Healthy, creative and sustainable lifestyles

Cllr Karen Pringle (chair), Cllr Kathy Cuthbert, Caroline Hodgson, Graham Wilson, Bruce Robinson, Martin Sibley, Jon Sparkes, Amanda Pellatt, Sam Martin, Lucy Hutton

(Supported by James Doxford and Jo Burgess. Facilitated by Planning Aid)

Aims for focus groups today

The Focus Groups will be facilitated by Planning Aid.
Their reports should be:

- **Succinct** – focus on the things that matter and need protection or change
- **Unambiguous** – policies should not be open to misinterpretation; proposals should be deliverable
- **User-friendly** – so that everyone can understand, engage and respond

Appoint someone today to report back your discussion

Making the plan

1. **Focus groups** to report back
2. **Plan** to be drafted for consultation – policies and proposals, sustainability review, statements of compliance and community involvement, schedule of evidence
3. **Examination** of the plan and **referendum**
4. The plan is '**made**' and becomes part of the development plan for Ivybridge, used to help determine what development shall take place