

Executive Summary

What is an NDP?

At the heart of the Localism Act is the right for communities to have a powerful say of what happens in their communities through their Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). This NDP, having followed due process, will ensure sustainable development that is needed to deliver the vision shared by the three parishes, nested within the Tewkesbury Plan.

Why Have Our Own NDP?

No village exists in isolation. What happens in one often has an impact on another, whether it is the congestion of road systems, flood alleviation or foul water disposal. Parochial interests have been put to one side and the parishes of Down Hatherley, Norton and Twigworth have worked together through a representative steering group to draw up this NDP.

What Does It Mean to Me?

Our NDP was developed by a steering committee that was representative of our three parishes. Its vision, to 2031, will mean that Down Hatherley, Norton and Twigworth have maintained and enhanced its rural environmental quality and improved the wellbeing and quality of life for all of its communities. It will do this by adhering to a series of objectives under the headings:

Environmental

Safeguarding and maintaining the landscape while protecting the Green Belt and reinforcing and enhancing the Landscape Protection Zone. The Green Belt is essential to our three parishes and ensures the spread of urban sprawl is limited.

Development

Supporting limited and proportionate housing development within the Village Settlement Boundaries, while seeking to ensure affordable housing is provided to support our rural communities. This will ensure new development is directed in the right area.

Flood protection

Seek to prevent flooding by supporting the use of agricultural land for water management and ensuring water management is integral to new developments. Any developments that would be detrimental to flooding would be objected to.

Transport

Centered on the A38 corridor, seeking to establish congestion relief, reduce speeds and promote highway safety. Improvements to community transport will be essential and should be sustainable.

Rural Economy and Tourism

Maintaining rural and specialist sectors and supporting development that is deemed essential to them. Sensitive and appropriate developments will be considered on a case by case basis. Enhancing appropriate management, protection and recreational use of the River Severn.

Community

The needs of the local people will be used to identify support to the development of new/existing facilities and services through better and more efficient use of our buildings and open space.

After a successful referendum our NDP will form part of the Tewkesbury Borough Plan and be used to decide planning applications in our parishes.

An open evening will be held on the **25th of April, in Norton village hall**, from 6:00 - 8:00pm. If you need clarification on any issues in the NDP, please come along.