Neighbourhood Planning

Preparing a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement

Proposed programme of engagement

Monthly sessions on a range of topics along with drop-in sessions to share progress, best practice, discuss issues etc. The sessions will also be used to complete highlight reports and to advise parishes of upcoming stages and keep an eye on how groups are progressing.

Title	Content	When	Attendees
Publicity	Article in neighbourhood planning newsletter. Email to interested parishes to invite participation to take part. Web page – giving details of pilot parishes and to invite other parishes to register an interest in the next stage.	Late April	
Introductory Event	General introduction to NPS, documentation, designation process, data and process, timescales, support offer. Expectations in terms of participation and timescales. Q and A. Parishes will be asked to confirm their participation within 10 days of the email following the event and submit designation request. CC support offer.	Month 1 15.00-15.45 Tuesday 28 April 2026	All interested parishes
Understanding Data, Early Engagement, Analysing	Designed to encourage early community engagement – options that you could use, plus how to encourage residents to complete the Lets Talk survey and a bit on how to analyse responses and review feedback. Will pick up on including this in a cons statement (although that	Month 2 10.30-11.30 Wednesday 1 July 2026	All confirmed participants.

Responses	will also be covered in the submitting session). **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/395808002217890?p=EgMKGcHs8BWAYV28v6		
Topic: Understanding Your Places, Context, including Local Economy, Design, Character and Heritage	Session on how to identify strengths, weaknesses in your places. Introduction to the tables / templates to help you to think about what works well and what doesn't, understanding your local economy; what do local businesses need to thrive. Consideration of heritage and design – which issues matter most to your communities. **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/383953142056746?p=M22p9YxJdFWb6wgaP6	Month 3 10.30-11.30 Wednesday 12 August 2026	All confirmed participants.
Topic: Housing	Including understanding housing need – what kind of homes, local priorities, where should new homes go, call for sites. Explaining affordable housing, explaining housing numbers (standard method). The spatial approach in the Local Plan. **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/356776238380562?p=7Jzu39X2oPE8e4mfZ2	Month 4 10.30-11.30 Wednesday 2 September 2026	All confirmed participants.
Topic: Housing additional	Including understanding housing need – what kind of homes, local priorities, where should new homes go, call	Month 4 4.00pm-	All confirmed participants.

session	for sites. Explaining affordable housing, explaining housing numbers (standard method). The spatial approach in the Local Plan. **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/393881143834273?p=CYNfbx7e0xJdqJhH18	5.00pm Tuesday 15 September 2026	
Topic: Infrastructure and Moving Around	Infrastructure – utilities, services, facilities. Active travel infrastructure, walkability. Public transport and parking. **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/332449988898655?p=6vPmiiWfjMJj3IME2p	Month 5 10.30-11.30 Wednesday 7 October 2026	All confirmed participants.
Topic: Nature, Environment, Climate Change, Designated Landscapes	Nature recovery, valued landscapes, protecting open spaces, locations for development, coastal change and flooding. **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/311912698767915?p=E2q7DGlt4KoFgs80Ho	Month 6 10.00-11.00 Wednesday 4 November 2026	All confirmed participants.
Drafting, Consulting on and Submitting Your Statement	The importance of a strong vision, best practice, examples. How objectives can set a path to deliver the vision. Using the template, policy maps. Publicising your draft statement and consulting your community. Updating the draft statement. Meeting the conditions,	Month 7 10.30-11.30 Wednesday 2 December 2026	All confirmed participants.

	supporting documents, timescales, maps. How NPS will feed into the LP process. **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/34095595226588?p=aDNMidk1jkyGJ67WgF		
Once statement has been drafted, parishes will need to consult on the draft statement for 6 weeks; this is the earliest date that we would expect parishes to be able to do that.			
Submission	Earliest likely date for submission of NPS after 6 week consultation on draft statement.	Month 8 February 2027	