

**On behalf of the Hagley Neighbourhood Plan team I would like to invite you to the launch of the Hagley Neighbourhood Plan public consultation.**

**Steve Colella Hagley Neighbourhood Plan Chairman**

You will see that depending on the area of Hagley you live in there is a separate session organised for you. Whilst this is to keep each one to a manageable level *if you cannot make your particular session you are welcome to join one that is more convenient. See the map below for the venue of the meeting for your area with a start time of 7pm in each case.*

Included in this letter is an introduction into the planning process and where our plan will ultimately sit. Over the coming months there will be a series of public consultations aimed at gathering public feedback, views and opinions on how the future of Hagley should look.

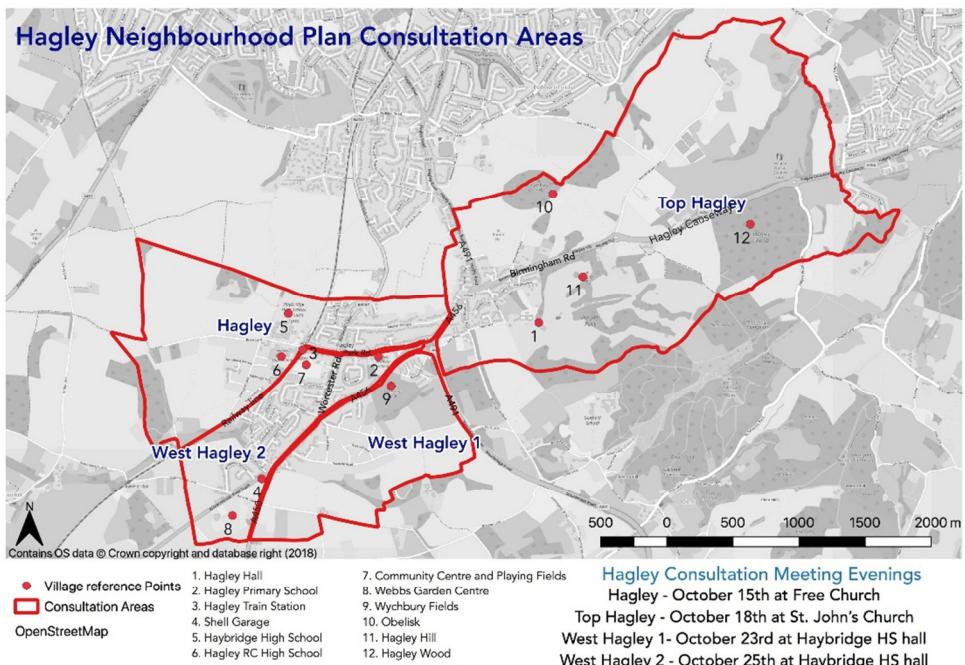


This is an important plan for Hagley which is backed by Hagley Parish Council and will form part of the overall Bromsgrove District Development Plan.

Our launch will take the form of asking what are the local issues and what are the options faced in Hagley now and in the future. Your views are very important and equally important will be options to address the issues identified. As we go through the consultation process we will be gathering evidence on which our Plan will be based until ultimately it will have to go before an Independent Examiner and then going to a local referendum to seek formal adoption.

Whilst this first stage of the consultation will be completed by the end of October further more detailed consultations are planned and will take in all stakeholders covering aspects such as housing, traffic and travel, the Environment, local amenities and sustainability.

In the meantime, I hope you can make the launch of the Plan and I look forward to seeing you then. If you require any further clarification please send any questions via our new webpage [www.hagleyneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.hagleyneighbourhoodplan.org) or in writing to Hagley Parish Council 74a Worcester Rd.



## **What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

This plan will cover Hagley Parish and will form an important part of the overall District Development Plan. There are certain rules, such as it must have general conformity with the Bromsgrove District Development Plan. Although it cannot contradict the District Plan it can add to it, particularly importantly on local issues.

## **What is the process to produce the Plan?**

Hagley Village has already been designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Area and it must demonstrate that there has been through extensive community consultation throughout its development. This Plan must address the issues identified through consultation upon which it has developed its aims and policies.

Once the statutory consultation has been completed a 'proposed' Hagley Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to Bromsgrove District Council and once 'approved' it will go forward to an Independent Examination. Here there may be some modifications before it goes forward to a local referendum where it must have 50% of the vote in favour of adoption upon which the plan will be brought into force.

This process is anticipated to last beyond 2020 and will follow a number of structured steps beginning with this initial public introduction consultation.

As a starting point the Plan will cover a number of likely topics including

- History and Character
- Protection of the Environment
- Movement of People and Vehicles
- Future Business Development
- Future Housing Development

To be included in these work streams may be other topics taken from the consultation process.

## **What will the Neighbourhood Plan stand for?**

The Plan is an opportunity for the community to influence the planning process but its policies must not contravene the overall Development Plan. If it does have its own policies they must be able to be defended robustly through sound analysis, data and information.

## **What is the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)?**

This is a Government Planning framework produced by the Secretary of State for the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and sets out Government planning policies for England and how these should be applied. It provides a framework within which locally prepared plans for housing and other development can be produced.

## **Bromsgrove District Council Consultation in Hagley**

BDC will be holding its own separate consultation. For your information it will be held in Hagley Library 6<sup>th</sup> October 10 – 1pm and 2pm to 4pm

**Councillor Steve Colella on behalf of Hagley Parish Council and Hagley Neighbourhood Planning Team.**