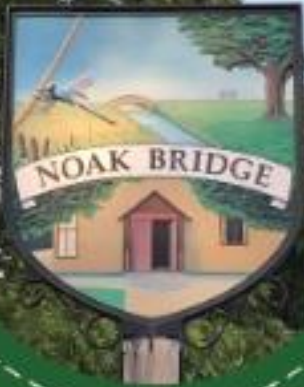




With **400**
new homes
to be built in
Noak Bridge



We are
developing a
Neighbourhood
Plan to
have our say!

Find out
how you can
GET INVOLVED!



What do you think
Noak Bridge should
look like by 2034?

What's happening in Noak Bridge?

You may be aware that Basildon Borough Council are currently in the process of adopting their **Local Plan**. This will set out local planning policies on how land is used and what will be built where. It will also allocate specific sites for new homes to be built. The process of adopting the Local Plan is in its final stages and we expect that it will be finalised within the next year.

The current proposals allocate a site in Noak Bridge (see orange checked area on map below), where **400 new homes can be built**. If the Local Plan is adopted, there will be little that can be done to prevent this site from being developed. However, we can create a more detailed plan that is specific to Noak Bridge and will enable us to influence the form of any proposed development as well as developments within Noak Bridge generally.

We have already consulted on a boundary to which the 'Neighbourhood Plan' will apply, which coincides with the Noak Bridge Parish boundary. Having had this approved by Basildon Borough Council, we are now in a position to start work on our Neighbourhood Plan.



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the coalition Government in 2011 to enable local people to influence what happens in their local area (as part of a movement known as 'Localism'). A Parish Council can choose to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan, which will be used by Planning Officers when they are dealing with applications for development within the Neighbourhood Area. The Neighbourhood Plan can cover several issues, or just one or two.

When a Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted, anyone making planning decisions (such as Planning Officers or Councillors) must take it into account when determining planning applications within the Neighbourhood Area. This means the policies within it have real influence in shaping local development.

Once a Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted, the Parish is entitled to a share of any funds received under the Community Infrastructure Levy (a fixed charge payable by developers). This money can be directly invested in projects in the local area meaning that local people benefit from any substantial new development.

How can I get involved?

The ideas of local people are crucial for a Neighbourhood Plan to be a success, so we really want you to get involved as much as you can. We are consulting residents and businesses in a variety of ways over the coming months to get your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.



Questionnaire

Included within this leaflet is a questionnaire. We want you to let us know what you think about the local area and the plans for new homes in Noak Bridge. The answers you give will help us to identify local priorities. We would be grateful if you could return your completed questionnaires to one of the drop-off locations, which can be found at the Londis Store; Village Hall; Noak Bridge Pub; Pharmacy; and the Noak Bridge Medical Centre.

The deadline for submission of questionnaires is **31 October 2019**.

How can I get involved? (continued)



Consultation events

We're holding consultation events alongside community events on the following dates / times, where you can come to give us your opinion about the future of Noak Bridge.

MacMillan Coffee Morning & Engagement Event
Saturday 21 September 2019 at 10:30am (Village Hall)

Village Hall Community Quiz
Saturday 5 October 2019 at 6:30pm (Village Hall)

Noak Bridge Pub
Friday 18 October 2019 at 7:00pm (before live music at 9:00pm)



Focus groups

We are expecting to hold focus groups later in 2019 and in early 2020 when the results of the initial consultation have been analysed. These will be advertised around the village and in the Parish magazine. If you would be interested in getting involved in these, please get in touch using the details below.

How can I find out more?

You can find out more about the Noak Bridge Neighbourhood Plan by attending one of the consultation events listed above.

You can also obtain further information and find other ways to get involved by visiting www.NoakBridgeNP.org or using the contact details below:



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Your Neighbourhood Plan is being developed
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