

Neighbourhood Planning article in Spring 2016 Parish Magazines

Neighbourhood Planning has been Introduced as part of the Government's Localism Agenda, and is an opportunity for the whole community to come together to shape development in their area. It is a new tier of statutory planning functions that sits below and compliments the statutory planning services provided by East Herts Council as the local planning authority (LPA).

The Parish Councils of Hunsdon and Eastwick & Gilston have committed to working together to produce a joint Neighbourhood Plan - the Hunsdon, Eastwick & Gilston Neighbourhood Plan (HEGNP). A Steering Group comprising some members of each Parish Council with other residents of the parishes has been formed to manage the project. This group comprises:

- Anthony Bickmore (Gilston resident - Chairman)
- Bernadette Dunthorne (Hunsdon Parish Councillor)
- Tim Geddes (Eastwick & Gilston Parish Councillor)
- Mike Newman (Hunsdon resident)
- Mark Orson (Eastwick & Gilston Parish Councillor)
- Bob Toll (Hunsdon Parish Councillor)

The Steering Group will undertake some of the work itself, but its main purpose is to enable the Plan by engaging volunteers and professionals in the various stages, and in particular to generate and gather the detailed information upon which the Plan must be based.

Watch out for a first bulletin through your letterbox shortly and/or in the meantime read about the plan on a dedicated website www.HEGNP.org.uk . Any of the Steering Group would be happy to answer any questions you may have on the emerging HEGNP, but they would be even happier to hear your offers of support and willingness to contribute!