



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To whom it may concern.

Plumpton Parish Neighbourhood Plan – call for development sites

Plumpton Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011. In order to comply with Lewes District Council's Proposed Submission Core Strategy: Focused Amendments Document, the Neighbourhood Plan will need to allocate enough land to provide a minimum of 50 new homes within the parish.

As part of its work to collect evidence and information for the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council is currently carrying out a 'Call for Sites' exercise so that landowners and land agents can submit sites for consideration for development.

By 'development', we mean any use of land within the boundaries of the parish, whether for housing, sport and recreation, public utilities or business premises etc. This letter is not solely about land to meet any identified housing need.

The sites need not be in your ownership (for example, you may be responsible for managing a site), but you should make it clear that you have the permission of the landowner to express an interest. Proposals can be made for a range of development uses for the same site. House extensions would not normally be included unless linked with a proposed change of use that would be of interest to the community.

The Parish Council is aware that a number of sites in Plumpton were submitted to Lewes District Council as part of its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Affordable Housing (SHLAA) survey. We are keen to make contact with the landowners and land agents who proposed these sites, to know if they wish their sites also to be included for consideration in this community-led plan making process. We will also need to know when the sites will be available for development.

Applicants will also be invited to present their proposals to the Parish Council for the suitability and feasibility of their sites. Sites submitted for consideration will also be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. The final decision on which sites are selected for inclusion in the Plan will be decided by Plumpton residents in the referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan.

If you would like your site/s to be considered for development through the Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan process, we would very much like to hear from you. A 'Call for Sites' application form is attached, and is also available on our website at www.plumptonpc.co.uk. Forms should be returned, by post or email, to the address at the top of this letter **by 19th September**. If you have any queries about the Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Chair, Plumpton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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