

# MARTLESHAM 2028

The Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan - a 15 year plan for the Parish

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## Why Martlesham 2028 ?

Because the Neighbourhood plan will play a big part in determining how the Parish changes over the next 15 years. What the new houses look like, control development in old Martlesham and keep the policies restricting development in Martlesham Heath village. Without it Suffolk Coastal will make all the decisions about what happens here



### Latest News - Public Meeting Thursday 23rd January 2014 - St Michael's Church 7.30pm

We'll present the work we've been doing to date, and asking for your feed back and ideas. Please see website for details



## Whose plan is it anyway?

It's not the Parish Council's plan.

It's the residents' plan and must reflect the views of the residents - this is the law.

The main input is what the residents say, and much of the effort put in will have to come from the residents.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ?

- We kicked off in the spring with a public meeting
- The high level of support at that meeting for the idea of having a neighbourhood plan resulted in the Parish Council voting to go ahead with one.
- Some task groups were set up which have been looking at the issues which will affect us all; housing, roads and transport, environment, recreation and Infrastructure.
- Topics being considered included the design and height of the BT development, the need for better access to the new shops, keeping our local shops viable, A12 noise, keeping the policies in place which restrict development in Martlesham Heath village, and policies on development in old Martlesham.
- A workshop was held at which emerged a draft high level vision for the future of Martlesham.
- There have also been training sessions for volunteers on the Neighbourhood Planning process, and the practicalities of public engagement.
- We have submitted a formal proposal to Suffolk Coastal for the boundary of the area covered by the plan. SCDC have yet to put this out for public consultation.

# So what is the vision?



**After a friendly and productive session one evening in September using a technique known as a "World Cafe" (and yes, tea and biscuits were served) a group of volunteers came up with this draft vision statement.**

As Martlesham evolves and grows it will preserve the best of what already exists and harmoniously incorporate the new with the result that the whole will be better than the sum of its parts.

It will be a community which will

Contain a variety of well designed housing types for sale or rent to meet the needs of residents of all ages, whether employed or retired, and suiting varied domestic circumstances

Provide a modern infrastructure and diverse, adaptable accommodation to encourage the creation and success of businesses of all sizes including high tech and skilled jobs, with low rental starter units available to encourage local people to start businesses here

Respect and protect the natural environment and the open spaces between the built up areas

Contain a diverse range of residential, community, leisure, employment and retail areas, linked by safe walking, cycling and public transport links, with these links extending to the nearby open countryside and beyond

Build on its strengths as a welcoming, safe and peaceful place to live with a strong sense of community with a thriving society of neighbours, groups and organisations providing support and facilities for all residents.



## And where do we go from here ?



We are aware that some volunteers have not been asked to get involved yet. But we've not forgotten you ! And we need more help. The plan will not be delivered without help from the community.

The main effort up to now has been in the task groups.

But now we need to start planning public events where we involve as many residents as possible to get their views about the future of Martlesham and consider the ideas we've been coming up with.

## Show me the money

Although we have to do a lot of the work ourselves, financial support is available to help with producing the plan. The Parish Council has earmarked £10k. We can apply for £7k in cash.

What skills do we need

Two team leaders. One for the publicity team and one for leading the public engagement plans, plus...

Someone to develop and implement ideas on how to use social media (eg Facebook, twitter) to get in touch with younger people. This might be in conjunction with local schools

Experience of writing copy (for the website, press releases etc)

Experience in creating and implementing surveys using a mix of online and paper based techniques.

A small team to talk to the business community.

## People to help at events

Organise the logistics

Serve refreshments

Be around to talk to visitors.

## People to walk the streets

Deliver leaflets and survey forms

Collect surveys in and handle any questions that the resident may have about the survey

Someone to organise the above.

If you think you can help please email us (address at top of newsletter)

**Please forward this to anyone you think may be interested or keen to help. Thanks.**