

# Warndon Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Update

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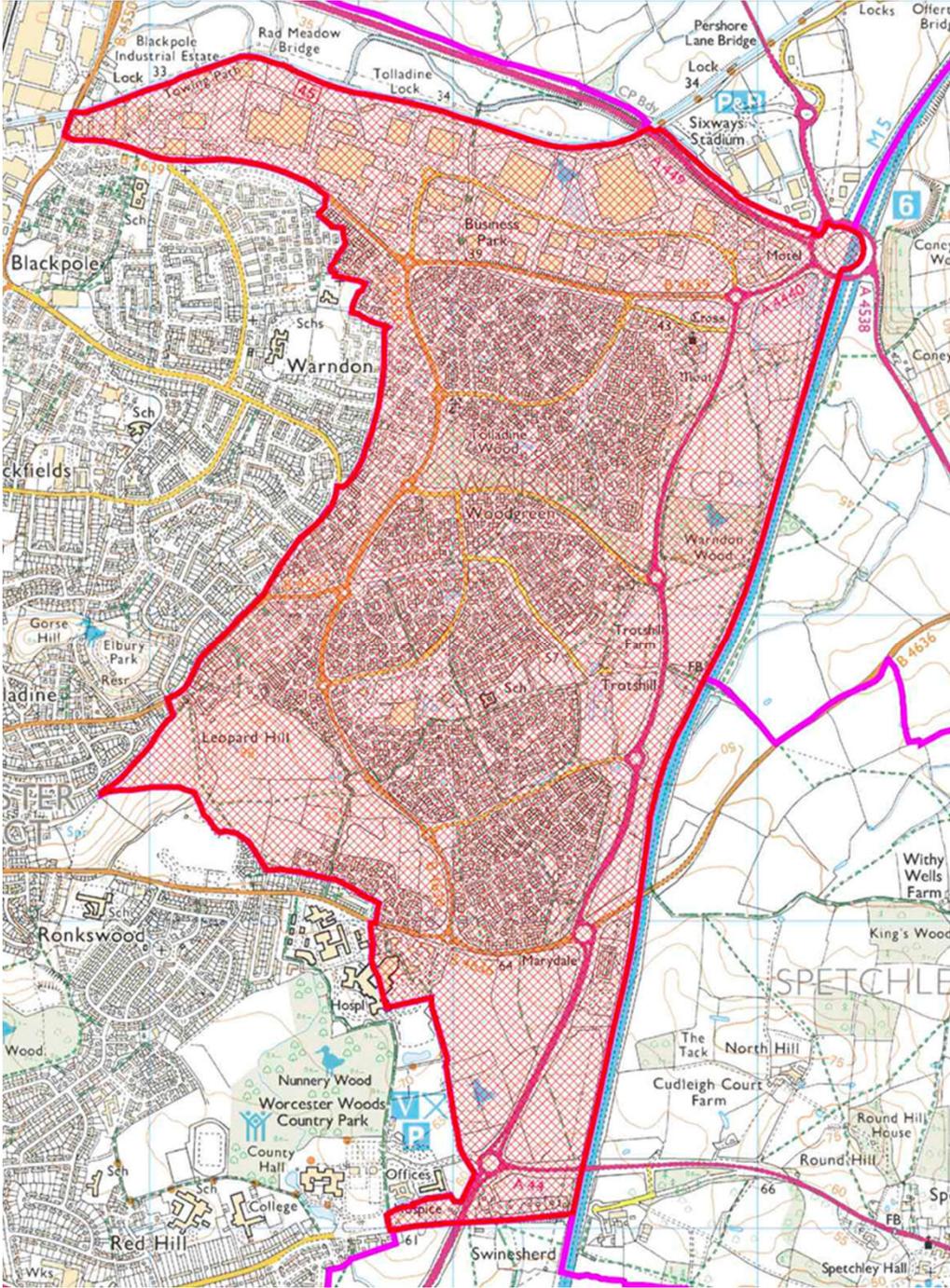
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# Background

- The 2011 Localism Act introduced the opportunity for parishes to have greater influence over planning policies and proposals in their area.
- A Neighbourhood Plan allows local people to proactively plan where development goes, and to develop policies that reflect the unique nature of the parish.
- In 2017 Warndon PC decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan as there had been a number of contentious planning applications in the parish.

# The Designated Neighbourhood Area

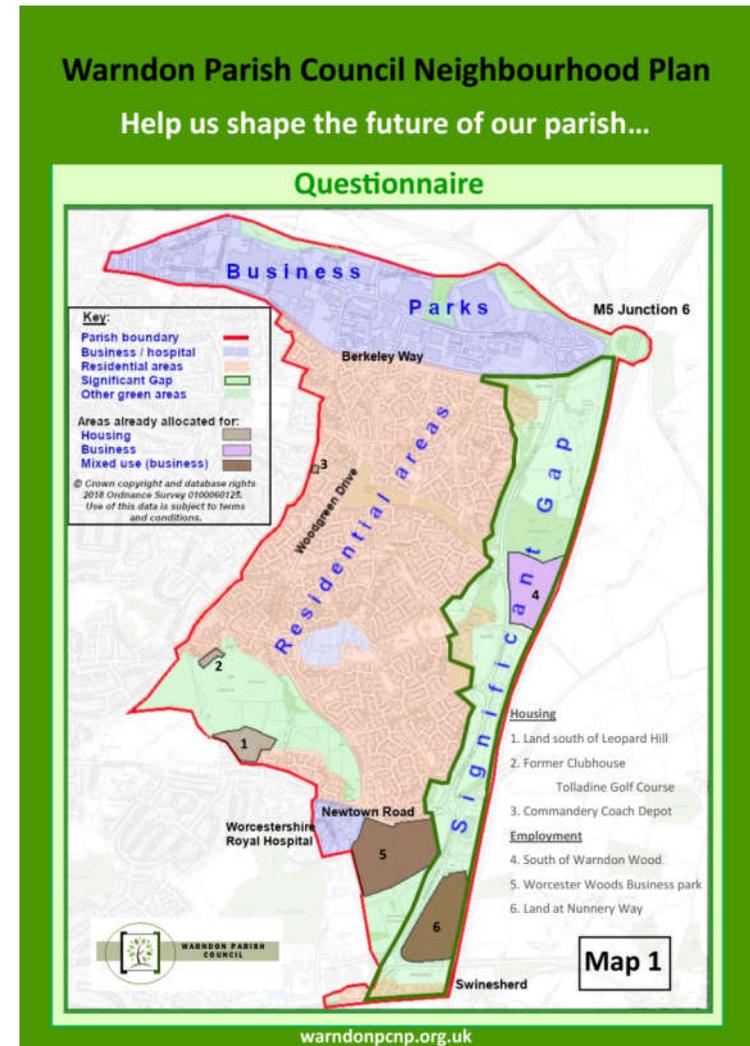


# Work undertaken so far

- Early publicity and recruitment
- Extensive research and analysis:
  - Warndon Local Plan, Warndon Project 1989-93, and Worcester Green Spaces Project
  - Designation maps
  - The South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP)
  - Warndon and Trotshill Conservation Area Appraisals
- Drafted a Vision and Objectives
- Website launched
- Engaged services of BPA, planning consultants August 2018

# Questionnaire

- Questionnaire distributed to every household in the Parish
- Fantastic response – 612
- Results analysed and published on website
- Better understanding of the community and how they live, work and use the Parish
- Results provide clear areas of focus



## *Vision*

Future developments within the parish of Warndon should maintain the balance between the residential, business, environmental and heritage areas of the parish, in keeping with the principles embodied in the Warndon Local Plan (1988) - the blueprint for the layout of the parish.

## *Objectives*



### **Green Network**

To protect the integrity of the Green Network within the parish, as safeguarded by the principles of the Warndon Local Plan (1988).



### **Local Green Space**

To protect specific areas of Local Green Space, to reflect their value as part of the local environment, as well as the value placed upon them by residents and visitors to the area.



### **Heritage**

To safeguard the remaining rural character of the parish landscape - using the principles set out in the Warndon Local Plan (1988).



### **Conservation**

To protect the Trotshill and Warndon Court Conservation Areas, as envisaged when they were first designated in 1986.



### **Development**

To protect the Warndon Significant Gap from inappropriate development, as set out in the Warndon Local Plan (1988).

# Natural environment

- Very important to the community and extremely well used, including public open spaces, significant gap, play areas, footpaths and cycle routes.
- Local Green Space Assessments underway to designate areas as Local Green Space.
- Looking to strengthen the Significant Gap policy.
- Exploring other natural environment policy opportunities for trees and hedgerows, landscape character and for footpaths/ cycle routes/ green networks etc.





## Built environment

- Facilities important to the community. Interesting suggestions for new opportunities and improvements.

### Next Steps:

- Complete facilities audit.
- Explore opportunities for developing retail policies e.g. limiting fast food outlets, maintaining and attracting appropriate retail use.
- Discuss opportunities for new facilities e.g. medical / leisure – is there evidence to allocate sites?



# Employment in the Parish

- No overall mandate to allocate further land for employment use.

## Next steps:

- Explore employment policies to focus employment to appropriate locations?
- Liaise with WCC to understand intentions of SWDP Review



# Housing and Housing Need

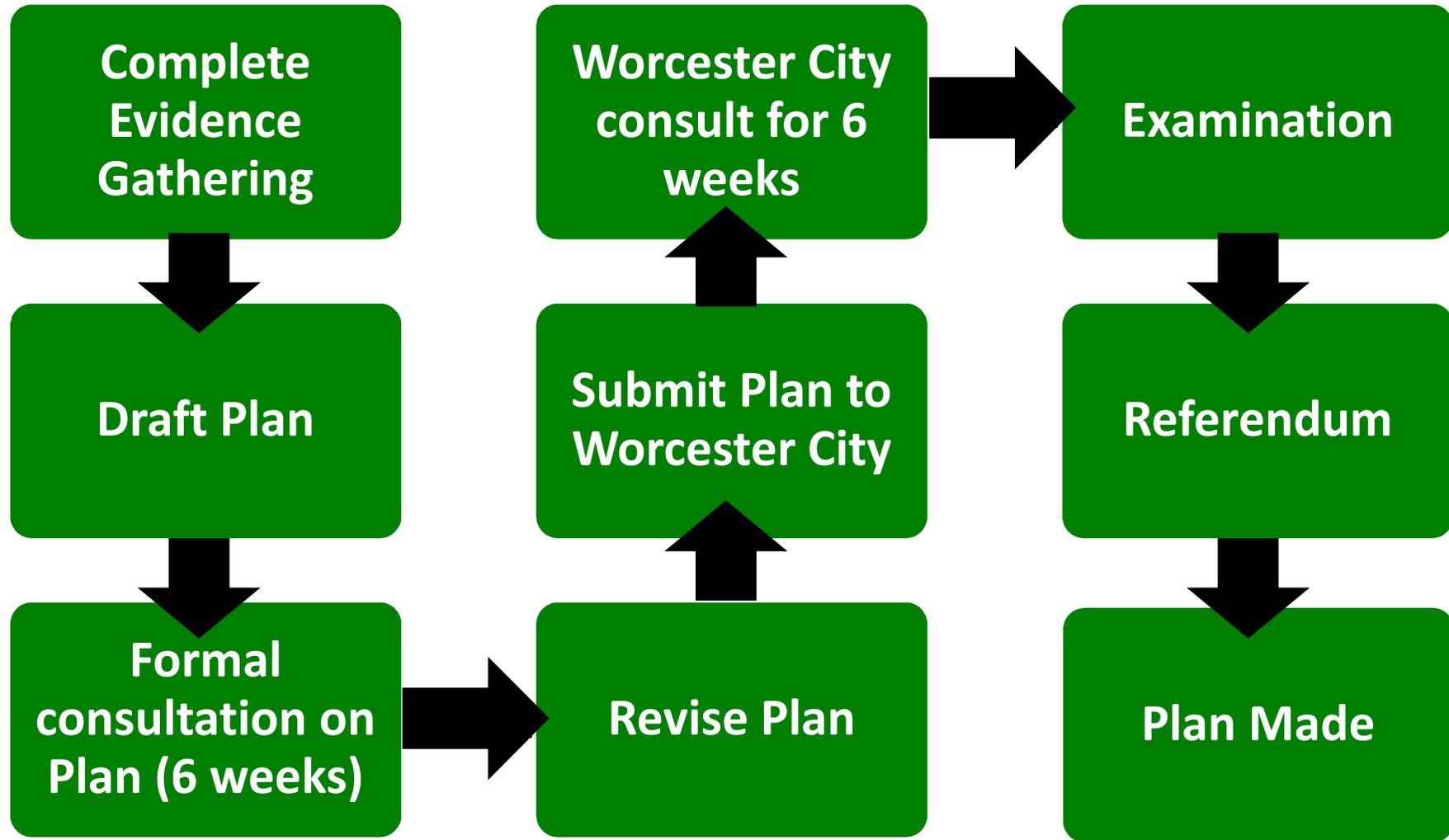
- No overall mandate to allocate further land for housing.
- 31 households have a need for housing now with a potential increased need over the next five years.
- Greatest need for 2 bed, smaller dwellings. Smaller homes including starter homes and bungalows were more well supported by the community.

## Next steps:

- Liaise with WCC about SWDP Review.
- Decide whether to develop a housing mix policy



# What comes next?



Questions?