

Mayland/Maylandsea Neighbourhood Plan



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- **What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**
- **What is it for?**
- **What can it achieve for you and your village?**

A Neighbourhood Plan is a framework - produced by people who live or work in the neighbourhood - for general planning policies regarding the development and use of land in that neighbourhood. Its purpose is to give more say to the local community, including residents, businesses and community groups. Where a Parish council exists it is the lead authority combined with volunteer residents from that Parish. Maylands Neighbourhood Area is the whole of the Parish boundary.

A Neighbourhood Plan will not stop development, but it will allow you some say on where new homes, shops and offices can be built and what they should look like. And it's not just about building - we all complain about the state of the roads, drainage, broadband speed etc. Many of us would like to see improved leisure facilities and shopping, maybe a cycle path or nature area, or a waterfront restaurant...

The Parish Council is working together with residents to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that Mayland and Maylandsea remain the kind of village that you want to live in. Once in force, the Neighbourhood Plan carries legal weight - Maldon District Council will be obliged to give serious regard to its content when making decisions. To achieve all this we need evidence from you of what is needed. This evidence will be collected in the form of questionnaires which are being rolled out to various sectors of the community.

Currently, we are collating information from local businesses. If you are a local business owner, you should already have received a questionnaire from us. If not, the form is available on the Parish Council website, www.essexinfo.net/mayland-parish-council or from the Mayland Post Office counter in Freshways or you may request one from the Parish Clerk, telephone: 01621 743551, e-mail: maylandpc@btinternet.com.

Please, please do take the time to do this, however small or large your business, we need your input.

This is your opportunity to have your say!

(Survey results will be published as statistics only, no business or personal information will be disclosed.)
Neighbourhood Plan meetings are held in Mayland on the first Tuesday of each month, members of the public are welcome to attend. Please see the Parish noticeboard or website, or contact the Clerk for more information.