

Statement of intent from Alresford Parish Council regarding our proposed Neighbourhood Plan/Neighbourhood Area Designation Application.

Alresford is a parish which cares about how it's community develops and parishioners invest time and effort accordingly. This is demonstrated by the successful production and implementation of a parish plan some 6 years ago - a programme sponsored by the council but led and delivered by the community.

A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is the natural next step, enabling us to create homes, jobs and facilities within the context of an emerging Local Plan. We want development in Alresford which enhances the built environment, protects the surrounding countryside and makes it accessible - the balance between these two environments is a key part of village life. We also want to future proof the community, so our NP will address a number of sustainability criteria including; energy, transport, health, employment, housing and conservation. We have therefore included the whole of the existing parish in our application for neighbourhood area designation.

We recognise the production of a NP will be challenging and, therefore, we'll appoint a consultant to deal with the technical matters of planning, as well as a project manager to run the programme. Both individuals will work closely with Tendring DC planning team to ensure a successful outcome to the process.

From

Alresford Parish Council Chairman - Cllr Frank Belgrove

Lead Councillor on the Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Simon Clark