

FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

FULBOURN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM DATE **9th FEBRUARY 2023**

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced through the Localism Act in 2011 and work on drafting a Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan began 5 years ago. A Neighbourhood Plan gives us all an opportunity to influence how we see our Parish developing up to 2031 in line with the current South Cambs Local Plan, it indicates what is important to all the inhabitants within the village and addresses some of the broader issues related to the continuous growth and expansion of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. It means we can positively influence:

- How we want the Parish to develop and remain separate from Cambridge;
- How we want our environment to prosper and develop including green spaces;
- Where new developments, housing and business, should be built, what they should look like, and what housing mix is appropriate;
- How we should maintain and develop our valued community services and facilities.

From the evidence gathered over the last 5 years, the residents of Fulbourn see themselves as living in a very special village, set among trees, rich in natural features and biodiversity and still closely interrelated with the Countryside. While the community value the proximity of Cambridge, they are also protective of the separation from the City and the range of activities taking place in the village, making it an independent community.

The statutory part of the Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan focuses on policies for the development and use of land in the Parish of Fulbourn but in gathering evidence from yourselves, we have also identified other aspirations which you would like to see considered. These latter points will give guidance to the Parish Council and to other organisations within the Parish.

Formal examination of the Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan by South Cambs District Council has taken place and a Referendum will be held on **9th February 2023 at the Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn CB21 5BS** where you will be able to cast your vote. The full online version of the Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan setting out the objectives and policies can be viewed on the Parish Council web site www.fulbournpc.org and SCDC web site www.scambs.gov.uk Hard copies of the Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan have been placed in various public locations throughout the village and can also be viewed at the Parish Council office, Fulbourn Hub, Home End, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB21 5BS, and members of the NP Steering Group will be happy to answer any questions.

If the Referendum is successful, the Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan will be formally adopted by South Cambs District Council and will mean that South Cambridgeshire District Council must use the Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan to determine future planning applications.

The Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by a Steering Team made up of residents from Fulbourn Parish Council, the Fulbourn Centre, Fulbourn Forum, local District Councillors and interested villagers.

Fulbourn Parish Council

4 January 2023