

Welcome to the Uckfield Neighbourhood Plan

As presented at the 16 April 2016
Policies Event.



What is Neighbourhood Planning?



The Department for Communities and Local Government says:

“Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.”

What's happening in Uckfield?

We are drawing up a [Neighbourhood Plan](#) to establish local planning policies for themes such as:



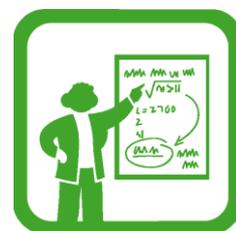
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The plan must fit with the policies in the Wealden Plan and, if accepted, will be used when planning decisions are made.

We can also nominate land and buildings that people care about as assets of community value.

What is the Wealden Local Plan?

- The local plan guides development in Wealden, identifying particular areas as suitable for housing, industry, retail or other uses.
- The [2013 Core Strategy Local Plan](#) identifies the broad locations for development and infrastructure.
- The [2014 Strategic Sites Local Plan](#) goes deeper into specific sites like Ridgewood.

There is a consultation on the new [Wealden Local Plan Issues, Options and Recommendations 2015](#).

Don't panic! The links are there if you are curious. You don't have to go into this specialised and rather complicated information unless you want to.

What is an Asset of Community Value?



Locality says:

“For land or buildings to be listed as Assets of Community Value, their current (or recent past) use must further local social wellbeing or social interests, and they could continue do so in the future. Social interests include sporting, cultural or recreational uses.”

There is more information on “My Community” at:
<http://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/what-is-an-asset-of-community-value/>

Steps in creating a Neighbourhood Plan

Area Designation (6 weeks)

Prepare a draft neighbourhood plan



Pre-submission consultation (6 weeks)

Pre-examination Publicity (6 weeks)

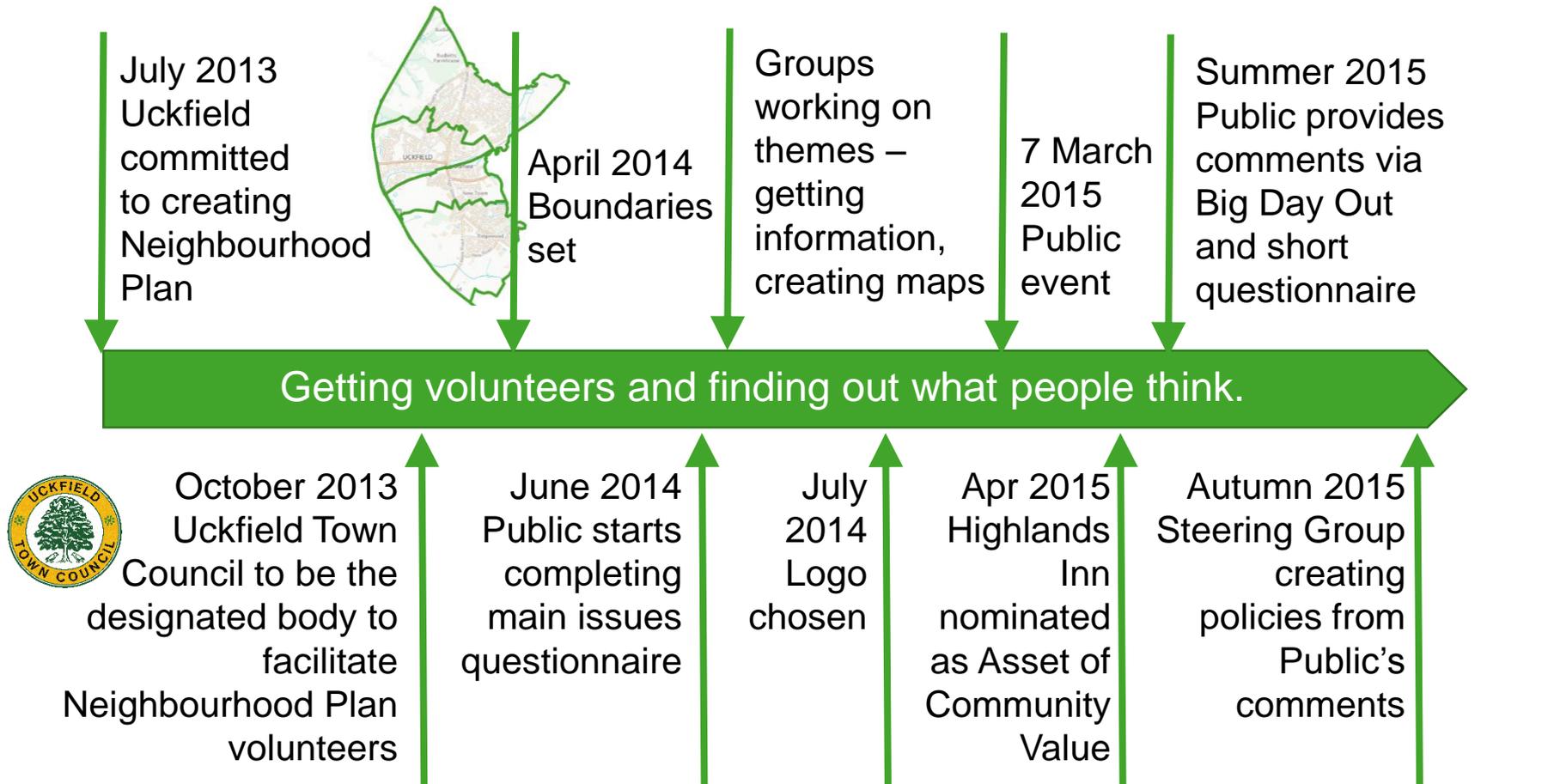
Submit plan to local planning authority

Independent Examination

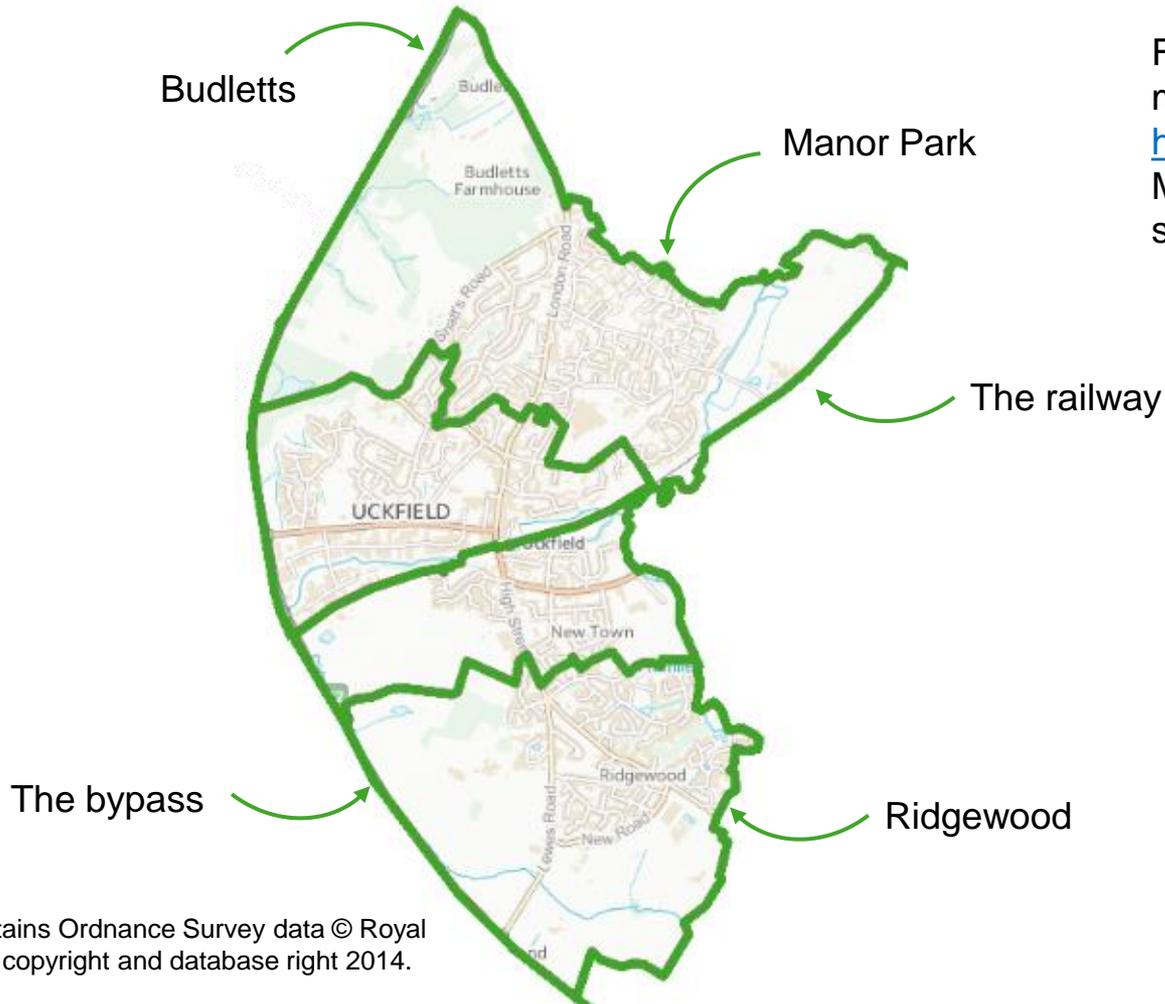
Referendum

Plan made (in force)

The story so far



The Neighbourhood Plan Boundaries



For a more detailed map see the website [http://uckfieldplan.co.uk/Meetings and Documents](http://uckfieldplan.co.uk/Meetings%20and%20Documents) section

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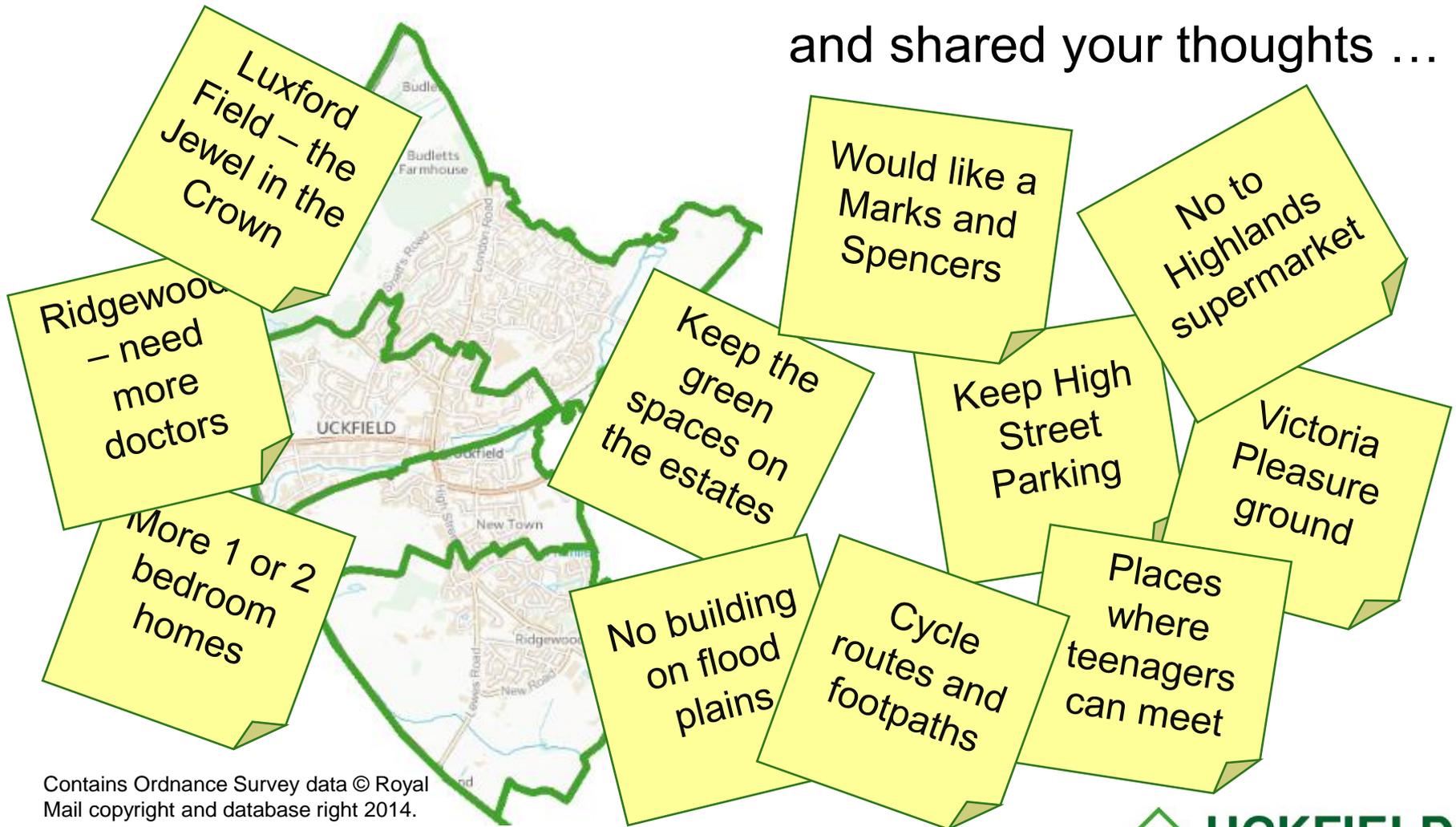


and listened ...



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and shared your thoughts ...



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Summer 2015



We gathered more comments from the Big Day Out and Questionnaires.

Now the themes are using those comments to create policies.



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Information about the Neighbourhood Plan

How people can tell us which issues are important to them

To tell us which issues are important to you, people can complete the survey at <http://uckfieldplan.co.uk/get-involved/> - If you cannot do the survey online, please contact the Town Council on 01825 762774

Where to get information

- look at the web site <http://uckfieldplan.co.uk/>
- email **chairman@uckfieldplan.co.uk** to asking to join the mailing list
- follow our Facebook page **Uckfield Neighbourhood Plan**
- follow our Twitter account **@UckfieldNPSG**

How to join the group

To join our group and help make the plan, please email **chairman@uckfieldplan.co.uk**

What if they don't have email?

We appreciate that not everyone has internet and email and are seeking to communicate by other means too.

What are the short term aims?

The short term aims in mid 2015 were:

1. Build a sustainable team comprising the steering and sub groups.
2. Build a network of people interested in the Neighbourhood Plan.
3. Enable people in the town to understand what the Neighbourhood Plan does.
4. Have made inroads into doing/analysing the questionnaire.
5. Collect comments and information from people in the town. ✓

Who is doing what? CURRENTLY CHANGING

This is likely to change - in early 2016:

Steering group: Chaired by John Carvey

Housing
Champion:
Richard Judge

Environment
Champion:
Martyn Stenning

Transport
Champion:
Paul Sparks

Retail
Champion:
Paul Meakin

Community
Champion:
Sam Bryant

Facebook/Twitter/Instagram: Wendy Tagg and others