

Your Village Your future: Update

Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan

Little Hallingbury is a village with rich local history and a proud sense of place. The village's setting, heritage, and spirit of community make it a place where people settle and stay.

From our rural setting and cherished views to the community spirit, we know what makes our village special. But how do we protect and enhance these qualities for future generations? That's where the **Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan** comes in.

What Is the Neighbourhood Plan?

The Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led planning document that sets out a shared vision for Little Hallingbury's future. It gives us — the residents — a real say in how our village evolves over the coming years. Once adopted, it will become part of the statutory planning framework, meaning it must be considered in decisions about development and land use.

Our Vision

Between 2026 and 2041, Little Hallingbury will continue to thrive as an attractive rural village, defined by its strong identity, welcoming community, and status as a safe and desirable place to live.

The Plan aims to preserve what we love while preparing for the challenges ahead — from climate resilience and biodiversity to housing needs and infrastructure.

Themes and Objectives

The Plan is built around several key themes, each shaped by community feedback and local evidence:

- **Limited and Sustainable Growth**
Supporting small-scale development that is, well-designed and meets local needs, whilst respecting village character, and promoting long-term sustainability.
- **Protecting Rural Character and Landscape Setting**
Safeguarding our locally important views, heritage assets, and distinctive landscape features that define Little Hallingbury's identity.
- **Protecting and Enhancing the Natural Environment**
Promoting biodiversity, improving green infrastructure, and encouraging nature-positive practices across the parish.
- **Community & Wellbeing:** Supporting local services and facilities, and inclusive spaces that bring people together.
- **Supporting the Rural Economy and Local Business:** Promoting small-scale enterprises, home-based businesses, and agricultural activity that contribute to the vitality and sustainability of our rural economy.
- **Enjoying the Countryside:** Protecting and enhancing access to footpaths, bridleways, and open spaces so that residents of all ages can enjoy the health, wellbeing, and recreational benefits of our beautiful countryside.

Each objective is underpinned by policies that reflect what residents have told us matters most.

Some aspirations — such as improving road safety and traffic management — are really important to our community. While these fall outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan's planning powers, they are recognised in our Plan and shared with relevant authorities to help inform future action.

Where We Are Now

Over the past year, we've been gathering evidence, consulting with residents, collecting feedback and drafting policies. Your input has shaped every step. We're now preparing for the Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan **Regulation 14 consultation**, which we aim to launch later this year.

This formal stage invites all residents to review the draft Plan and share their views. It's a vital opportunity to ensure the Plan truly reflects our collective vision.

What to Expect Next

- A full draft of the Neighbourhood Plan will be published for public comment and feedback.
- Events and drop-in sessions will be held to explain the Plan and answer questions.
- All feedback will be carefully considered before the Plan moves to its final stages.

Get Involved

This is your Plan, your village, and your future. Whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived, your voice matters. Keep an eye on the Neighbourhood Plan website for updates, littlehallingburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk or follow our Facebook page and don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to help or learn more.

Calling All Residents – Share Your Best Photos!

We're looking for stunning photos of our village to feature on the **front cover of the Neighbourhood Plan** — and who better to capture its charm than the people who live here?

If you have a favourite photo that shows off the beauty, character, or spirit of our village — whether it's a scenic view, a local landmark, wildlife, or a special community moment — we'd love to see it!

How to submit:

Please email your photo(s) to littlehallingburyNP@hotmail.com by **30th September**.