

# **Chalfont St Giles Neighbourhood Planning Referendum**

**Referendum: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

## **What is Neighbourhood Planning?**

Neighbourhood planning aims to help local communities play a direct role in planning the areas in which they live and work.

A community can prepare a neighbourhood plan. This plan can show how the community wants land to be used and developed in its area.

## **What is a neighbourhood area?**

A neighbourhood area can cover single streets or large urban or rural areas. The boundaries of a neighbourhood area are put forward by a parish or town council. In Chalfont St Giles, the boundary of the neighbourhood area is the same as the Chalfont St Giles parish area.

## **Who can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Neighbourhood plans are prepared by or on behalf of town or parish councils.

## **What is a Development Plan?**

In England, planning applications are determined by local planning authorities in accordance with the Development Plan and any other material considerations. In Chiltern District the current Development plan is made up of the Core Strategy (adopted 2011) the adopted local plan 1997 (saved policies) and the County adopted minerals and waste planning documents. The documents that make up the Development Plan set out the policies for the development and use of land across the entire local authority area. If the Chalfont St Giles Neighbourhood Plan passes the referendum and is then made it will form part of the Development Plan for the Chalfont St Giles Parish area.

## **Who is the Planning Authority?**

Within Chiltern District, the local planning authority is Chiltern District Council. Where a Neighbourhood plan has passed its examination it is the District Council who are responsible for undertaking the referendum.