

Your opportunity to shape Uplyme's future

As you may have read in earlier issues, Uplyme Parish Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan (NP), and Uplyme has just been designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose. This means that the Council can apply for various sources of funding to help with the process, which is quite long-winded and expensive.

This month, we are giving you a quick introduction to what the Plan means, and next month, we hope to give you some more details.

An NP is a successor to the Parish Plan. Uplyme's had a Parish Plan since 2005, but this is only used as a guideline by the planners at EDDC when deciding planning applications. If adopted, an NP is a statutory document, which means planners are obliged by law to comply with it. So, you can see that having a good plan means that we can all help shape the future appearance and direction of development in the village – a great opportunity not to be missed.

So far, the NP Group comprises 6 members – two Councillors and four others, but we'll need the help of others as the plan progresses. There will be a variety of opportunities for you to put your views and hear ours, and the Group welcomes any comments you may have. Just contact the Clerk and she will pass them on.