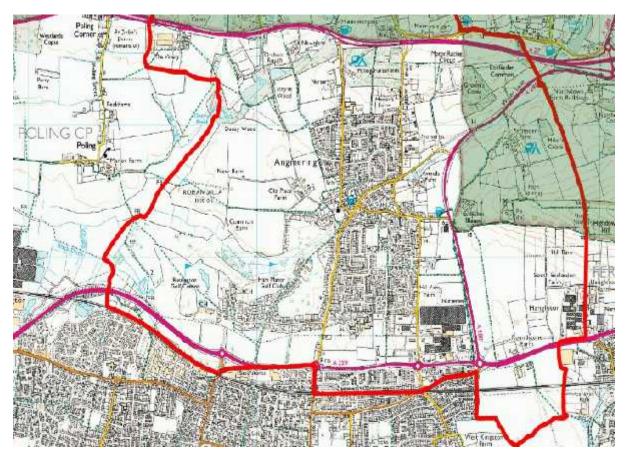
# Angmering Neighbourhood Plan 2014 -2029 -Update



In April 2012 (under the Localism Act 2011) communities were given legal powers to develop Neighbourhood Plans. As a result, the Parish Council set up a Steering Group in order to undertake the research necessary to put together a Neighbourhood Plan and to oversee its drafting and production.

The Neighbourhood Plan was put together over 3 years, and was the result of the hard and dedicated work by the Steering Group and the many parishioners who devoted their time to its research and preparation.

**Note:** The Plan does not cover the part of the Parish shaded in green on the map that falls within the South Downs National Park. Only that within the boundary marked in red covered by Arun District Council's planning authority.

## What does the Plan Do?

This community-led initiative sets out a vision for the future of Angmering. It reflects the views of parishioner's with planning policies to help deliver this vision in relation to development of land and provision of:

- Housing
- Employment
- Infrastructure
- Green space and Community facilities



# **Development of the Angmering Neighbourhood Plan**

The process began with an Open Day to identify the key issues and aspirations.

All the comments were evaluated Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS) and formed the basis of a Survey that was distributed to every household in the Neighbourhood Plan area. This gave everyone the opportunity to have their say.

Around 50 parishioners volunteered to join Working Groups covering Housing Needs & Development, Local Business & Employment, Local Sports & Leisure, Local Roads, Transport Health and Education.



The full draft plan was issued on 30 April 2014 for a 6 week consultation. There was general agreement that the draft Plan reflected the views of the community and that with some amendments, could move on to the next stage. Issues and concerns that were not development related were captured in an Action Plan, which was given its own section in the Plan.

#### Referendum

The Angmering Neighbourhood Plan was examined by an external government Inspector who stated that as well meeting the basic conditions, also acknowledged that it had been "the result of significant community effort and demonstrated a passion for neighbourhood planning."

The Plan proceeded to Referendum on 22 January 2015.

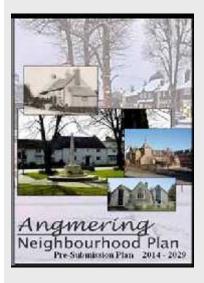


The Referendum achieved a turnout of 31.3%. With a resounding **96.93% voting YES** in favour of the Plan. Next day, the local press reported that: *"It seems that Angmering villagers provided one of the most overwhelming 'yes' votes to a neighbourhood plan, not just in the district, but from across the UK!"* 

The Neighbourhood Plan and was formally adopted by the Parish Council at its meeting held on 9 February 2015 and formally **made** part of the Arun development Plan by Arun District Council on 11 March 2015.

## The Need to Review and Update the Plan

The Parish Council are currently undertaking a review of the Angmering Neighbourhood Plan to assess it's compliance with the updated policies and changes in the adopted Arun Local Plan 2011-2031. The review will also look at other material changes in Angmering that have taken place since the Plan was **made** in March 2015.



At that point, the Plan was in compliance with the draft 2014 Arun Local Plan, which was submitted to examination in January 2015. However, the Arun Plan was challenged at examination by developers, who argued that it would not provide enough homes to meet the need for ever increasing housing numbers.

That, along with Arun's lack of a 3-5-year housing supply, meant that the Angmering Neighbourhood Plan and its housing policies were also declared "out of date" 18 months later.

Arun now has a Local Plan in place, which allocates 800+ more strategic homes and an employment site to Angmering. In addition, it requires Angmering to find land for an additional 117+ dwellings to help meet Arun's projected housing need.