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Neighbourhood Plans Given the Green Light

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Communities shape the future of their own area – real planning from the bottom up

This week South Hams District Council is delighted to see the formal adoption of the Neighbourhood plans for Newton and Noss, and Thurlestone.

These documents are really important for the villages they represent, because they will play an important role in shaping the decisions that the District Council's planning committee will make in the future.

A neighbourhood plan is a document created by the community. In the Joint Local Plan, which is the planning document setting out the how the District will develop in the next planning period, no specific land was allocated for development in the smaller Towns and Villages, instead the local communities were invited to create their own plan for their area.

Cllr H Bastone, South Hams District Council's Executive Portfolio Holder for Customer First said: "A huge well done to Newton and Noss and Thurlestone, this is a massive achievement by volunteers. Neighbourhood plans can be really

powerful pieces of work, they give communities direct powers to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.

“Our small rural communities like Newton Ferrers Noss Mayo and Thurlestone have been able to choose where they want new homes, shops or offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided”.

Cllr J Pearce, Ward Member for Salcombe and Thurlestone added: “The work on the neighbourhood plan has been done by dozens of people over a long period of time. Everyone has given what time they could, even half a day, an afternoon and the whole community was really engaged, the school even put on a play. It does take the commitment of many volunteers to get the plan through, so a big thank you to everyone who helped, we got the result.”

Cllr K Baldry, Ward Member for Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo, said: “The adoption of the neighbourhood plan is a great achievement for the communities of Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo giving local people a say on the future of their communities.”

Once developed, the Neighbourhood plans then get scrutinized by their community and go through a formal Referendum. If the referendum is successful, as it has been at Newton and Noss and Thurlestone, the Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the Joint Local Plan and any future planning applications that are submitted to the District would be considered in relation to those neighbourhood plans in place.

Cllr Bastone Continued: “I would actively encourage the formation of Neighbourhood Planning Groups. If you are interested in shaping and protecting your local area for the future, then get involved, they can be set up by any residents in any parish”.

As the planning authority, South Hams District Council has a duty to determine every application that is put before them and they will use the evidence and the policies from both the Joint Local plan and Neighbourhood Plans to help them make their decisions. All of these documents would carry weight and help the councillors

determine if the development proposed in any application was appropriate in that area.

To find out more about Neighbourhood Plans and how to start a Neighbourhood Planning Group

Visit www.southhams.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans

Declaration of Result of Poll

Number cast in favour of a Yes 392 totalling 92.67%

Number cast in favour of a No 31 totalling 7.33%

Number of ballot papers rejected was as follows: D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty totalling 1

To view the Declaration of Result of Poll online [click here](#)

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