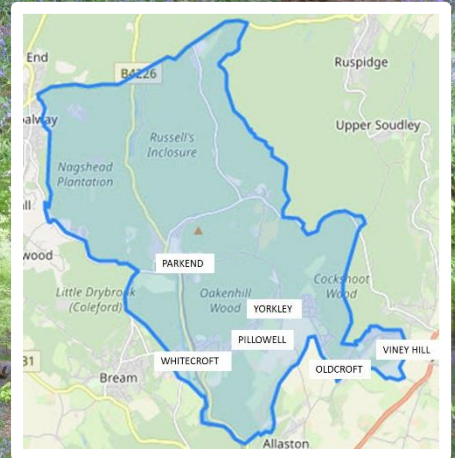


FOREST EDGE SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (FESNP) PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**, once adopted, gives local people a greater say in how our six communities, **Whitecroft, Parkend, Pillowwell, Yorkley, Oldcroft and Viney Hill**, collectively known as **Forest Edge South (FES)** will develop over the next 20 years. This will tie in with the new local plan being developed by FODDC.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Forest Edge South has completed its drafting and is now ready for consultation with the local community for you to share your views and ideas.

The consultation runs from 26th March until 7st May 2023.



It is a very important document as it gives strength to your views and ideas when all aspects of development in our villages are raised in the future. It is vitally important that as many residents as possible come along to our Consultation Days in March/April 2023.

It is worth noting that the Government is also planning to include and strengthen the role of this 'local voice' aspect into its latest proposed version of the National Planning Policy Framework.



The draft NP has been the work of the Steering Group made up of local people who have consulted with others. This has been supported and promoted by the West Dean Parish Council and Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

The draft Plan puts forward policies on a wide range of issues developed from the first consultation held pre-COVID under five overarching themes:

- 1) Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity
- 2) Design and Environment
- 3) Housing, Employment and Tourism
- 4) Transport and Access
- 5) Infrastructure and Amenities

A copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan is available to view at

<https://fesndp.uk> and Monday to Friday, 9:30am – 4:30pm at The Parish Office, The West Dean Centre, High Street, Bream, Lydney, GL15 6JW.

You are also welcome to attend the consultation events that are being held – see overleaf

CONSULTATION EVENTS AND LOCATIONS

26th March @ Parkend Memorial Hall 11am - 4pm - An exhibition of NP documentation, maps and the proposed Design Guidance for any new building. Q & A session with Steering Group Members at 3pm

27th to 30th March @ Pillowell Village Hall - An exhibition of NP documentation, maps and the proposed Design Guidance for any new building

31st March 2pm - 7pm and 1st April 2pm - 5pm @ Yorkley Community Centre - An exhibition of NP documentation, maps and the proposed Design Guidance for any new building. Q & A sessions with Steering Group Members at 4pm on 1st April session.

3rd April – 7th May @ West Dean Centre, Bream - An exhibition of NP documentation, maps and the proposed Design Guidance for any new building

4th April – 7pm WEBINAR – meet the DLP team who have led us through the final process to produce our Forest Edge South Neighbourhood Plan. Register at <https://fesndp.uk>

ALL SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE

*Local residents can record their observations and views on the proposals at all events.
The Steering Group will take on board all feedback received in the Consultation Period.*

To contribute your views on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan please either:

- Complete a paper copy of the Comments Form and return this to: The Parish Office, The West Dean Centre, High Street, Bream, Lydney, GL15 6JW
- Complete an online version of the Comments Form available here: <https://fesndp.uk> or
- Email your comments to clerk@westdeanpc.org.uk



TIMETABLE FOR FINAL APPROVAL

Following the end of the Consultation Period the Plan is submitted to an independent examiner (paid for and organised by Forest of Dean District Council)

Once approved by the examiner the Plan goes to a referendum of the local population.

If a 'YES' vote is registered by more than 50% of the votes received (note: NOT the population) then the Forest Edge South Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' by Forest of Dean District Council and comes into force immediately.

HOW WILL IT BE USED?

Once adopted the NP forms part of the wider development plan which is used to underpin all planning and development decisions made within the Plan's area, i.e. Whitecroft, Pillowell, Yorkley, Oldcroft, Viney Hill and Parkend.

It has to be used to guide both Parish and District Councils when considering planning matters.

Do make time to come and see what the Plan says; think about the policies put forward and have your opinions gathered at one of the consultation events – and then make **YOUR VOTE COUNT** once the referendum is announced.