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**For the attention of:**

1. All parishes and principal authorities in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland
2. Community Groups with an interest in creating or who are currently involved in a Neighbourhood Plan
3. Businesses, Developers and Landowners wishing to learn more about the economic benefit of Neighbourhood Planning

Dear Parish/Community/Business Colleague,

**Exploring the Environmental, Social and Economic Benefits of Creating a Neighbourhood Plan  
Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 – The Falcon Hotel, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9PY - 10am to 4.30pm  
A DCLG/Locality Funded Invitation supported by Rutland County Council**

Following its very successful event in March 2015, Uppingham First, the elected community partnership of the parish of Uppingham, a government Front Runner with a referendum approved Neighbourhood Plan ([www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info](http://www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info)), has been invited by DCLG/Locality to host a further initiative in the East Midlands intended to encourage more communities and businesses to become involved in the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for their area. I attach a resume of the day's programme.

The event is intended to bring together communities not yet convinced about the merits of creating a Neighbourhood Plan, community groups and principal authorities willing to support their parish in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and developers/landowners and businesses wishing to learn more about how becoming involved in a plan being prepared for their area can contribute toward profitability.

The event will be participative and present the opportunity to hear from a range of experienced contributors currently involved in Neighbourhood Planning. Audio/video conferencing will be utilised to exchange views and information with leading practitioners around the UK. To facilitate maximum participation, delegate numbers will be limited to thirty. Joint business/community bookings are welcome. Lunch will be provided.

- Do you think creating a N Plan is expensive? Come and hear how it can be done at very little cost
- Do you think developers are not interested? Come and hear how to interest them
- Suffering from too many developer applications? Come and hear how a N Plan can help
- Not sure how a very small parish can benefit? Come and hear how it can
- Think you need lots and lots of professional help? Come and hear what is available for free
- Not sure of the benefits for local landowners and/or businesses? Come and hear what they are.

Nominations to attend this event will be accepted from delegates interested in attending in advance of formal approval (where required) being given by their council or business. If more information is required, please contact the Partnership at [secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk](mailto:secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk) or telephone 01572 495050.

Regards

*Ron Simpson*

Neighbourhood Planning Champion

Principal Author – Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan

Lead Officer – Uppingham Town Centre & Business Zones Plan

Secretary and Director – Uppingham First

**Note:** The Falcon Hotel is a listed building in a conservation area in a referendum approved Neighbourhood Plan zone [www.falcon-hotel.co.uk](http://www.falcon-hotel.co.uk) The hotel has the facility to recharge the batteries of electric cars and has a small car park. Additional public parking is available nearby. Free wifi is available. View this beautifully restored hotel on the Uppingham Webcam at [www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk](http://www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk) For more information about the event organiser see [www.ronsimpson.uk](http://www.ronsimpson.uk)

Unless otherwise requested please direct all correspondence to The Secretary, 7 Hawthorn Drive, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9TA

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## Programme

### 10.00am Welcome and introductions

Robert Wills – Chair of Uppingham First and a local land owner/employer

### 10.15am The Day's Objectives

County Cllr Edward Baines – Chair - Rutland County Council Development Control Committee  
Chair - Uppingham Town Centre & Business Zones Plan Task Group  
Rutland Landowner and Uppingham Businessman

### 10.30am Localism - The opportunities it offers communities

Guest Speaker - DCLG

### 11.15am Refreshments

### 11.30am The environmental, social and economic benefits of Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr David Ainslie – Chair – Uppingham Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee  
Former Town Mayor, Uppingham Businessman and Property Owner

Ron Simpson BEM – Neighbourhood Planning Champion

### 12.30pm The Planning Imperatives

Roger Ranson - Planning Policy Manager - Rutland County Council

### 1.00pm Lunch and Networking

### 1.30pm Involving business and your community in making a Plan

Guest Speaker – Locality

### 2.15pm Getting your local land owners and developers involved

Paul Bywater – representing Larkfleet Homes

### 2.45pm Tea

### 3.00pm Audio/video conference links to some successful N Plan groups around the UK

### 4.00pm Lessons learned, summary and close

Event technology support provided by Uppingham company Clockedin Ltd [www.clockedin.co.uk](http://www.clockedin.co.uk)

For more information  
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