**East Coker Neighbourhood Plan**

**Possible Framework for the preparation of the Draft Plan**

This is a suggestion only as the basis for discussion - The Plan could comprise the following:

**Written Statement to include:**

* Background &History
* Text on each subject matter,
* Review of issues consultation & survey
* Policies
* Plans and Diagrams
* Photographs & Sketches & A-Z

**Other Documents**

* Proposals Map
* Report of Consultation and Surveys
* Strategic Environmental Appraisal/Assessment if needed
* Basic Conditions Report

**Written Statement**

**Background/Introduction**

* Explanation of the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan & what it comprises
* Why a Plan is needed for East Coker
* Who decided it was needed and who prepared it - Parish Council & Plan Group
* Relationship to South Somerset Local Plan
* Timetable and the Processes for Plan preparation including Consultation
* The stages so far; Consultation & Surveys etc. and next steps
* Reference to Future Consultation methods; Printed Documents, Summary Leaflets Website, Facebook etc.

**Vision & Objectives of the Plan**

* Overarching Vision & Strategic Objectives

**East Coker Context History & Development Over time**

* Geographical context in relation to history/heritage; Yeovil context etc.
* Overview of Geology, Landscape & Natural Environment
* More recent developments

**Planning Context**

* Planning Acts & National Planning Policy Framework
* Sustainable Development & its application to the Plan
* South Somerset District Local Plan
* Localism Act 2011
* Role of East Coker Neighbourhood Plan
* Brief Summary of How the Planning System Works,
* How Decisions on Planning Applications are made & Planning Appeals
* Role of District & Parish Councils

**Housing**

* History & Development
* The previous Local Plan Development Boundary & SSDC Policy SS2
* SSDC Strategic Polices; Keyford & Other larger sites in Parish and therefore Plan area
* Outcome of General Plan Survey & Consultation
* Market & Affordable Housing Issues & Controls over tenure …views of Yarlington
* General Housing Policies
* Ref to : Affordable/Social & Market Mixed Sites & Locations

**Employment & Business**

* Wider Context and Residents Working Patterns
* Hierarchy of Locations; Yeovil & other Larger centres;
* Agriculture, Tourism roles & Local Businesses & Services
* Outcome of business surveys & consultations
* Self-Employment & ‘Homeworking’ Trends
* Connectivity Issues; Internet & Mobile Coverage
* Directory of Local Businesses?
* Employment & Business focused Policies & Future needs

**Community Facilities & Recreation Leisure**

* Local Shopping patterns; role of Yeovil & other centres
* Results of Plan Survey
* Local Shop & Possible future plans for community shop
* Organisations, Societies & Clubs
* Village Hall & Playing Field Pavilion and Role for Activities for all age groups
* Open Space and Recreational facilities
* Policies & needs or improvements required
* Education & learning;
* Primary School & Pre-school facilities
* A- Z ‘Local Distinctiveness’ schools project
* Learning for age groups beyond school age

**Environment**

* **Natural Environment**
* Results of Plan Survey
* Landscape Characteristics & Biodiversity issues#
* Results of Consultation Historic England, Natural England, Environment Agency
* Flooding Issues [Cross Ref to Emergency Planning Role of PC?]
* Rights of Way
* Renewable Energy?
* General Policies
* Proposed Natural Environmental Improvements for inclusion in Pnnexe to Plan
  + Within the Villages themselves
  + Within the wider Parish; footpath signposts Project etc.
* **Built Environment**
* Results of Plan Survey
* Listed Buildings
* Support for Conservation Area[s]?
* General Policies
* Buildings & Sites in need of Improvement
* Physical/Build Environment Improvements & Proposals

**Infrastructure, Transport, Movement & Services**

* Strategic Highway Issues
* Results of Plan Survey & Local issues arising
* Pedestrian Routes [x ref Natural Environment]
* Bus Services & Stops?
* Safety Issues
* Junction & Highway Improvements needed?
* Policies
* Infrastructure services; Gas; Electric; Water issues
* Connectivity [x ref Business section]

**Next Steps, Implementation & Delivery**

* Explanation of the Next Stages
* Publicising, promotion & marketing of the Draft Plan; Some Printed Copies
* Statutory Consultees
* Plan - ‘On Deposit’ in local public places; Village Hall; School; Shop; Pub; Library
* Summary Leaflet for wider circulation
* Local Media
* East Coker Neighbourhood Plan Website http://www.eastcokerparish.com/neighbourhood-plan..... Needs Updating!
* How the plan will be used once adopted
* Who will Implement the site allocation proposals and when
* Schedule of Projects & Proposals for Environmental Improvement
* Responsible Bodies & funds
* Potential Future External Funding bids
* Approvals for SSDC Examination, Referendum Adoption Processes

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**Footprint Futures**

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