

# Hullavington Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) — Budget Summary 2025–2027

## Context

Since the change of government and the subsequent withdrawal of national funding for neighbourhood plans — on the rationale that local communities should now fund them themselves — there was real potential for this to become a serious financial burden.

However, we have been extremely fortunate in Hullavington. Our parish benefits from a remarkable number of technical professionals within the community — including experts in the building, surveying, chartered surveying, and legal sectors — who have volunteered their time and expertise.

Their contribution has allowed us to minimise professional costs and maintain the proposed NDP budget at **the same level as ten years ago**, despite an estimated **40% rise in consultancy rates over the past eight years**.

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## Budget 2025–2026

### Estimated Costs

#### Communications & Community Engagement

Item	Description	Estimated Cost
Hall hire	For community engagement events (e.g. preferred sites, amenities workshops)	£400
Printing flyers	500 leaflets, professionally printed (design in-house)	£300
Online surveys	Above free limits	£300
Printing surveys	Paper versions to ensure full accessibility	£300
Incentives for youth engagement	e.g. QR-coded key fobs to raise awareness and participation	£300
<b>Subtotal – Communications</b>		<b>£1,600</b>
Contingency	To cover unforeseen community engagement costs	<b>£500</b>
<b>Total (2025–26)</b>		<b>£2,100</b>

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# Budget 2026–2027

## Estimated Costs

### Legal and Professional Support

Item	Description	Estimated Cost
Ongoing legal advice & support	To ensure the transfer of land to the community proceeds correctly	£5,000
Plan “Health Check”	Independent review by planning consultants prior to Regulation 14 and 15 submissions	£9,000
<b>Subtotal – Legal and Planning Support</b>		<b>£14,000</b>

### Statutory Consultations (Regulations 14–16)

Item	Description	Estimated Cost
Meeting rooms	Regulation 14 consultation events	£500
Printing	Materials required for Regulation 14 & 15 consultations	£2,000
<b>Subtotal – Consultation</b>		<b>£2,500</b>
Contingency	To cover additional consultation costs or examination responses	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>Total (2026–27)</b>		<b>£18,500</b>

## Summary of Proposed Expenditure

Financial Year	Category	Estimated Total
2025–2026	Communications & Engagement (incl. contingency)	£2,100
2026–2027	Legal & Professional Support, Consultation, Contingency	£18,500
<b>Total (Two-Year Projection)</b>		<b>£20,600</b>

## Governance and Oversight

All expenditure will be **authorised in advance by the Parish Council**.

The NDP working group will oversee day-to-day progress and ensure all spending is cost-effective, transparent, and compliant with procurement requirements.