

# **DOWN AMPNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **Down Ampney Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Update**

**Dear Resident,**

### **Introduction**

On behalf of the Chairman and members of the NDP Steering Group, please find below an update on the progress that has been made to date on the NDP.

### **What's been happening**

1. In the August issue of the DA News, we published a two page introduction into the process of producing an NDP which when completed will sit alongside the Cotswold District Council (CDC) Local Plan and will allow us to influence such things as layout, design and construction of new houses, parking, green spaces and protected trees all with the aim of ensuring that the distinctive character of the village is not lost.
2. We have already produced an outline structure and timetable for the delivery of the NDP as well as producing an outline draft Questionnaire for completion by all residents. Before we can complete this we needed your input.
3. On the 17<sup>th</sup> August, we organised a village drop in session in the village hall where over 30 residents came along and gave us their views on various themes that will be included in the NDP such as the location of new houses, transport and employment. The feedback we got was extremely helpful and we have taken on board the comments that were made at this session.

4. Following this, we circulated the draft Questionnaire to a group of villagers who had offered their help at the initial village meeting last year, and to CDC planning officials, as other sounding boards.
5. On 10th September at a steering group meeting, we reviewed all the comments received and revised the Questionnaire before sending it to an independent planning consultant last week who has given us her comments. These are now being studied.

### **What happens next?**

1. We are now finalising the Questionnaire and hope to have everything ready for distribution to every household in October.
2. We are also drawing up a distribution plan which divides the village into smaller zones, each of which will have its own village distributors who will distribute and collect the Questionnaire and be your local point of contact.

### **How can you help?**

1. Please make sure that when you receive the Questionnaire, you complete it as soon as you can, and return it to your distributor whose contact details will be on the Questionnaire.

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