



Dear Resident

We have reached an important stage in producing the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Tanworth Parish. Significant amounts of evidence gathering and effort has gone in to getting us this far and we now need residents' views on the main issues and proposals before we can proceed to writing a draft NDP document capable of being adopted.

As you may know NDPs were introduced in 2011 and for the first time local communities can decide the future of the place where they live and/or work. Once approved, they will run to 2031 and often be decisive in how future planning applications are decided. Planning Applications will no longer be matters for the District Council alone.

This has been a protracted process and hence we now feel it appropriate to set out the main issues and proposals in a Consultation Paper. We enclose with this letter a copy of the Executive Summary to the Consultation Paper so that you can see the key points easily. A full copy of the paper and evidence gathered is available on the NDP web site (<http://tanworthndp.org/>) and paper copies can be obtained from the Parish Council office at no charge.

We are holding two open days to give you the opportunity to ask questions on the matters raised and to help you to formulate your views. The dates for these are

- 5th May Earlswood Village Hall – 12 - 4pm with introductions made at 12 and 2pm
- 14th May Tanworth Village Hall – 10am – 12pm; 2 – 4pm; and 6 – 8pm

It is likely that the two Residents Associations will also hold meetings to discuss the Consultation Paper.

Because the Parish is wholly covered by the Green Belt the choices open to us in the future are limited. The most important issues are likely to be around whether people believe there exists a housing need, particularly for lower cost homes for **local** people (younger families or older households wanting to downsize and remain in the parish), and we would particularly like to hear views on this and whether there are any suitable sites that can contribute to meeting that need. The full consultation document includes full details of three possible sites that could be considered appropriate for such small-scale development.

We enclose a questionnaire which we would be grateful if you could complete it and inform us of your views and more are available on the NDP website. We enclose a prepaid and addressed envelope to return your completed questionnaire. The responses to the questionnaire will be crucial in deciding the way forward and the closing date for receipt of completed questionnaires will be Monday 4th June.

Many thanks in advance for taking the time to complete a questionnaire and attending the open days.

Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council