



## We need your views!

Please answer the Deerhurst Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire - either the one which has been delivered to you or, if you are able to complete an electronic one, it can be found on our website by following the link [www.ourparishplan.co.uk](http://www.ourparishplan.co.uk)

Whichever method you use, your views will be given equal weight.

Please see below for more information. If you have more questions, email [contact@ourparishplan.co.uk](mailto:contact@ourparishplan.co.uk)

### What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan and why do we need one?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) gives communities like ours the power to develop a vision for our Parish. Together we can shape the development and growth of our local area.

We are able to have a huge impact on where we want new homes (shops and offices) to be built. We can have our say on what new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided.

Neighbourhood planning provides us with a powerful set of tools to ensure that we get the right types of development in our community – where the ambition of our neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. A Neighbourhood Development Plan helps us ensure the community resists inappropriate development and gets the right type in the right place.

### How do we create a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

There are three main stages to creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan as outlined below.

#### Stage 1: Getting set up and deciding on the neighbourhood area

- Define the area covered by the plan, which in this case is the Deerhurst Parish (Deerhurst, Apperley, Lower Apperley, Walton Hill, Deerhurst Walton and Hoo Lane)
- Submit this information to Tewkesbury Borough Council for approval
- Form a Steering Group and inform the whole Parish about what is happening

#### Stage 2: Community consultation and evidence

- The Neighbourhood Steering Group then needs to collect ideas from people with an interest in the Parish – residents, businesses, community groups and schools – to find out what's important to them about where they live, what they'd like to improve and what their vision is for the local area
- Commission expert reports into local housing needs, local housing design, the environment, etc.
- Gather evidence to back up the ideas that the community want to see
- Using feedback and evidence, write the planning policies that will make the community's vision a reality

### Stage 3: Submitting the plan

- When complete, the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan is submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council
- They'll check that the correct procedures have been followed
- They will then arrange for an independent inspector to check that the Plan has followed all legal procedures
- When the Plan has passed these tests, Tewkesbury Borough Council will arrange a public referendum so that everyone who is registered and eligible to vote in Deerhurst Parish can decide whether they support it
- If more than 50% of the voters are in favour of the Plan, the local authority must bring it into force
- Once the Plan is adopted, it will form part of the statutory development plan for the area

### Why do we need your views?

When complete, the Plan will represent our collective views on how we would like sensitively to develop the area for future generations, whilst protecting the buildings and landscape which are special to us.

### Where are we now?

#### Stage 1 is complete

- In January 2019, a Steering Group (delegated from the Parish Council) began work to bring the Parish together to write a plan based on what we would like our area to be like for future generations
- There is a website [www.ourparishplan.co.uk](http://www.ourparishplan.co.uk) with information continually updated about the process
- We have leafletted every house in the Parish with an awareness flyer; put posters up; talked to everyone at Apperley Village Fete; and held open monthly meetings at the Village Hall for everyone who wishes to attend
- We have obtained Government grants to fund the process

#### Stage 2 is progressing

- We have commissioned a professional report into our likely housing needs until 2041
- We have commissioned a professional report into the designs used for housing in the area, given its unique historical and rural nature
- We have commissioned a professional consultant to support with the consultation process and the writing of the Plan

**To continue this progress, we now need all of your views and would be grateful for your help. We need you to answer the Deerhurst Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire (either the one which has been delivered to you, or preferably an electronic one which can be found on our website).**

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**Everyone is welcome to contribute and we seek the views of everyone in the Parish, whether resident, business or community group, from the youngest to the oldest.**