



## **Neighbourhood Development Plan Community participation gives strength to Plan**

The last two months have seen steady work and progress on the Plan. August was spent revising the Plan in response to comments received from both residents and official consultees – including the Borough Council and the County Council. The first weeks of September then saw preparations being made for a consultation on the revised Plan.

The Borough Council and the County Council both commented very helpfully in their responses to the June–July consultation. We also received excellent support from the Borough Council during the revision process, with a very helpful meeting at Castle House to review the revised policies. As always, we were ably supported during this particularly busy time by our consultant, Hannah.

As a result of the revision process we can say that the Plan is now much stronger and the revised policies are more robust. Thank you to all those residents who responded to the consultation and commented on the Plan. Community participation is an important aspect of the Neighbourhood Planning process, and the way that consultation with the community has helped to shape the Plan and its policies confirms this. It is hoped that the additional period of Local Consultation on the revised Plan, from 19 September to 31 October, will contribute further to residents' level of confidence in the Plan.

There will be a "drop-in" session at Whitmore village hall on Saturday 13 October, from 10:00am until 3:00pm. This will be an opportunity for anyone who wants to get their questions answered or wishes to speak to us about the Plan.

It is now hoped that the finalised Plan can be submitted to the Borough Council in November. This will be two months later than was originally expected, but the result of the delay will be a better Plan, and that is in the interests of all the community, both now and for the years ahead.

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