



## **The Neighbourhood Plan is alive and well!**

It's been some while since the Neighbourhood Plan team included a separate article on what we have been up to. More recently we have been providing brief updates via the Parish Council page in these newsletters. That's about to change again!

Over the past year the team has been busy updating the main Neighbourhood Plan 'Submission Report', based on the feedback we received during the community-wide consultation that took place back in 2016. The Parish Council 'signed off' an updated version of the Report which was then sent to the District Council who in turn put this out for a District-wide consultation in late 2017.

In parallel with this, the Neighbourhood Plan team prepared other key documents that are a requirement of the overall process. These included a summary of the earlier consultations, a confirmation of compliance with National and EU regulations, and a 'Strategic Environmental Assessment' which confirmed the social and environmental acceptability of all of our policy proposals. All of these documents can be found on our website at [www.w-w-w.org.uk](http://www.w-w-w.org.uk).

Following the completion of the District-wide consultation, all comments received were sent to an Independent Examiner who will now review all of our submissions, alongside the comments that have been made, and then make a judgement as to whether any further changes to our proposals might be needed. The vast majority of comments received by the District Council came from developers. Many of you may have seen an article in the 'Herald' newspaper about a month ago in which the views of a developer were highlighted which were critical of the position taken in the Neighbourhood Plan regarding the extent and location of housing and strongly advocated for including a large housing development on the airfield. The Neighbourhood Plan team did not respond to the statements made in this article as the focus remains only on the opinion of the Independent Examiner. Just to remind you, the Neighbourhood Plan position is in support of retaining the flying function of the airfield, which is fully aligned with the views previously expressed by both the Parish and District Councils. It is also gratifying to see that positive comments about our position have been posted on the village Facebook page!

We are not sure when the views of the Independent Examiner will become known but we are hopeful that this will be sometime over the next month. The feedback we receive will form the basis of next month's article.

You can always contact the Neighbourhood Plan team to find out more about what we are doing by sending an e-mail to [info@w-w-w.org.uk](mailto:info@w-w-w.org.uk) or by contacting us on 07967 057448.