



## **Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan**

### **Important Consultation**

### **HAVE YOUR SAY: SHARE YOUR VIEWS**

Over the next few days all residents of Pirton Parish will receive an invitation to look at and comment on the latest draft of the Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

This is a formal consultation required by statute of all Neighbourhood Plans that are nearing completion. **This gives you a chance to have your say!**

Under the Localism Act 2011 the Government has given the opportunity to local communities to produce their own Neighbourhood Plan to help guide development in their local areas. A Neighbourhood Plan (the formal title is Neighbourhood Development Plan) is a document which our local planning authority, the North Hertfordshire District Council, must apply when considering planning applications that affect the Parish of Pirton.

**The consultation begins on 4 April and lasts for 6 weeks until 16 May 2016.**

#### **The Story So Far**

The Pirton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was established by the Pirton Parish Council in 2013 to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. Earlier consultations include:

- An initial open event in the village hall in May 2013
- A further open event in the village hall in August 2013
- A full adult and youth survey of the Parish in December 2014
- Mini consultations at the Summer Fairs in 2014 and 2015
- An open event in the village hall in July 2015

A dedicated Pirton Neighbourhood Plan website and Facebook page has carried news of the Plan as has the Parish Magazine and Pirton Parish Council newsletters.

#### **The Draft Plan and Consultation**

The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been published at [www.pirtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.pirtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk) and at [www.pirtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.pirtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

The draft Plan explains the evidence which gives rise to the policies. Most of the documents referred to can be found via links on the Pirton Neighbourhood Plan website or on the Pirton Parish Council website. It is the Plan itself and the POLICIES that are important; it is the policies that will manage future development in Pirton.

### **How to have your say**

You will find the draft Plan on the Pirton Neighbourhood Plan website at [www.pirtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.pirtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk). Hard copies of the Plan for consultation are available at St Mary's Church, the Methodist Chapel, the Sports and Social Club; the Motte and Bailey, the Fox, the village hall and the village shop. If you would like your own hard copy please contact Diane Burleigh on 01462 713654.

In addition, we have arranged an open evening on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the village hall at 7pm for residents and interested parties to come along and discuss the Plan.

Copies of the Plan have also been sent to statutory consultees such as the North Herts District Council, Hertfordshire County Council and Natural England. A full list will be available on the Neighbourhood Plan website.

### **Comments should be forwarded to:**

[info@pirtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](mailto:info@pirtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk) (email), posted to Pirton Neighbourhood Plan c/o 14a High Street, Pirton SG5 3PS or hand delivered to 10 Cromwell Way, 14a High Street, 11 Royal Oak Lane, 22 Shillington Road or the box in the village shop.

### **The Next Stages**

1. For all comments from this consultation to be collated and considered
2. To prepare a further Plan taking account of all comments
3. To prepare a final Plan to submit to the North Herts District Council who will check that all the correct processes have been followed and will arrange for an Independent Examination
4. Once the Plan has passed its Independent Examination, the NHDC will arrange a Public Referendum for you to vote on accepting or rejecting the Plan
5. The Plan then comes into effect if more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote in favour

If your particular opinion and suggestions are not reflected in the final document, it doesn't mean we are not grateful for them. We are guided by the consensus view and by the law, but without your participation we will not know what the consensus view is.

**It is very important that we receive your views and observations. This is YOUR Neighbourhood Plan. This is your opportunity to help Pirton to develop as you would wish to see it develop for this and for the next generation.**

Diane Bailey, Chair of Pirton Parish Council

Diane Burleigh OBE, Chair of Pirton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group