



### **Update on the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan (FNDP)**

Work to create the NDP is now fully underway. Over the next 2 years the project team, mandated by the Parish Council but led and staffed by community volunteers, will produce an evidence-based plan to inform and influence how the Parish develops up to 2035. The plan matters because it will form part of Wokingham Borough Council's new development plan and it will have to be taken into account when planning applications are considered at all stages of the planning approval process.

The idea of the plan, as stated in the draft vision statement, is not to resist all change. Rather, the vision "is to embrace the need for change and to meet the expanding need of a growing population whilst protecting those important things that have attracted generations of people to choose Finchampstead as a place to live and bring up their families."

Local people will be consulted in a number of ways to gather views about local needs and priorities, starting in the autumn with a questionnaire survey. The planning team really want to hear your views and encourage everyone to contribute (email: [ndp@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk](mailto:ndp@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk); for more information visit <http://www.finchampstead-pc.gov.uk> ).

The plan will focus on issues such as housing, green spaces, social and economic needs, heritage and transport. When completed it will be submitted for approval by Finchampstead Parish Council, Wokingham Borough Council and the Independent Examiner. It will also need to be approved by local people in a local referendum as the final endorsement.

This is an important piece of work for our Parish. We will report on its progress regularly. Please get involved in developing your plan for your neighbourhood!