

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: PROGRESS REPORT AND AN INVITATION**

### **Progress Report**

The Steering Group has been working diligently to refine the policy proposals in the draft Plan, particularly regarding future housing development in the village, and to strengthen the underlying evidence base. (It is not enough for the Plan simply to reflect residents' views: the Inspector, who will have to approve the Plan, before it can come into force, will need to be satisfied that its prescriptions rest on a firm evidence base rather than just a wish list.)

To this end, Chailey Parish Council has engaged the research arm of Lewes District Council to conduct on its behalf a Housing Needs Survey during February and early March. The earlier Shaping Chailey Questionnaire, which was the first step in drawing up the Neighbourhood Plan, identified in qualitative terms the general direction which Chailey residents thought that future housing developments should follow. The objective of this latest survey is to provide more precise evidence about the sort of new housing that Chailey residents judge to be needed in the coming years. This information will provide the evidence base for the housing policies to be included in the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Invitation to Villagers**

The survey will be posted to all households in Chailey in the second week of February. ***Please complete the survey, ticking the boxes that apply to you and the members of your household, and return the completed form in the pre-paid return envelope provided promptly.***

Participation is voluntary, but the Council hopes that most residents will wish to take part in this important initiative. All responses will be treated as confidential and will be protected under the 1998 Data Protection Act. Specifically, individual responses will be seen only by the researchers who will analyse and tabulate the returns. Neither Chailey Parish Councillors nor the Parish Clerk will have access to any individual forms: they will see only the summary results.

There will be no attempt to identify individuals or to use the data for any purpose other than that specified above.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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