

Tiffield Parish Council

Dear Tiffield Residents,

The case for a Neighbourhood Plan.

There are many developments planned for our area. Locally, we have the IM Properties development on the A43 and the DHL development on the A5. These are the first signs of pressure on the boundaries of our village. Additionally, West Northants is planning for 2,139 additional homes per year for the next 30 years, totalling 64,170 homes.

Regionally, there is also the upcoming Oxford-Cambridge Arc in which it is proposed to build 1,000,000 new houses by 2050. This means a doubling of currently planned housing growth for the region and will promote a population increase of over 1.9 million people. The sheer scale of the proposals is shown by the following statistic:

- The distance between Oxford and Cambridge is around 85 miles and the one million proposed homes are equivalent to building 19 cities the size of Cambridge (53,000 homes) in the Arc

Given all these pressures, the Parish Council think it is in the best interests of the Parish to have more say in how we want our village and local area to be shaped in future.

Under the Localism Act of November 2011, we have the right to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan. These Plans ensure that decisions about housing and other developments are taken locally, giving residents a real opportunity to influence the future of the places where they live, making the planning system more democratic and effective.

If we have a Neighbourhood Plan it **must** be incorporated into the council's Local Development Plan which guides development in our area. These two documents then become the official policies which legally must be consulted in any future planning application in our Parish. A Neighbourhood Plan would give us an opportunity to have our say on the scale and type of development we want.

The questionnaire.

Your answers to the following questionnaire will form the basis of our Neighbourhood Plan if the Parish votes to have one.

This questionnaire aims to obtain accurate and relevant information about Tiffield and its residents and to get your views and opinions on how the village should develop over the next 10 to 15 years.

Your support is vital, so please complete the questionnaire as soon as you can.

All the information given will remain anonymous. The completed questionnaire will be analysed, and the results will be presented to the Parish in due course.

Thank you for taking the time to do this, for our village and for our future.

Please return Parts A and B by: 31st Jan 2022