

## Our Neighbourhood Plan

Tucked inside this November edition of the Ixworth Newsletter you will find the first survey issued by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

We hope that you will find time to complete and return it, and that you will encourage friends and family to do so. If we get a good return it will provide the Working Group with the first level of information about the current concerns and ideas of local residents.

You can fill in the paper survey or PREFERABLY go on line to <http://QA.1sixty.net/QA/> and then please add the code which you can find at the top of the first page of the hard copy questionnaire. The deadline is 30/11/2018.

We will then analyse all of the returns and publish the results here in the Newsletter and elsewhere, early in the New Year.

Advice coming from the professionals guiding us through this process suggests that it generally takes around three years to complete a Neighbourhood Plan. We started work in October 2017 and can therefore aim to complete it late in 2020. This first year has involved setting up the group, getting an understanding of the task ahead and shaping our work plan. As a Working Group to the Parish Council we are comprised of elected Parish Councillors and volunteers primarily from Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe. We have made a successful grant application to government and appointed a Clerk and a Consultant to support and guide us in what is a complex process. In August, we launched the Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan through a leaflet delivered to all homes in the parish and we were pleased and encouraged by the response.

At the heart of a successful Neighbourhood Plan is the involvement of all of us as local residents. The Plan must reflect the enthusiasms and concerns of the people who live here. In 2019 our efforts will be focused on finding out what they are. We will be inviting you to meetings and events, undertaking more surveys and keeping up a flow of information on progress. If you are involved in an organisation that would like to know more or are interested to contribute please contact the Neighbourhood Plan Clerk on [ixworthnp@hotmail.com](mailto:ixworthnp@hotmail.com) or drop a note into the Library and we will respond. We'd also be pleased to hear from you if you are interested in getting involved in the Working Group.

In the October edition of the Newsletter Ben Lord, Chair of the Parish Council, put out a call to residents to campaign for a safe road junction to serve the proposed Persimmon Homes development in Ixworth. The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to make the case for good quality, people centred future developments for Ixworth. However we must also ensure that development currently in the planning process do not put developer profit ahead of public safety and ensure that the views of local people are heard and respected.

If you are concerned about Persimmon's plan for a dangerous road junction to the proposed development please write to Jeff Fairburn, Group Chief Executive, Persimmon plc, Fulbrook, York. YO19 4FE, or email Jeff Fairburn c/o, [jacqueline.fennon@persimmonhomes.com](mailto:jacqueline.fennon@persimmonhomes.com). We are currently working on a new webpage where you will be able to find out the latest information on the progress of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Meanwhile we are grateful to the Ixworth Village Hall committee who are providing space on their website for us <http://www.ixworthvillagehall.co.uk/the-ixworth-ixworth-thorpe-neighbourhood-plan/>.