

*Dear Resident*

Last month you received a leaflet which explained the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan for Weston & Basford and the processes involved in its preparation.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be drawn up by our community and will set out a shared vision and policies to shape the future growth and development within our parish. When approved it will have a legal standing in the planning process alongside the Local Plan for Cheshire East until 2030. This means that no development in Weston & Basford will be able to go ahead without referring to and complying with the plan.

### **Context for the Plan**

The Neighbourhood Plan must have regard to the Strategic Planning Policies set out in the Local Plan. The two main strategic locations in the emerging Local Plan for development within our Neighbourhood Plan Area are at Basford East and the proposed South Cheshire Growth Village. Basford East will contain community facilities such as: new primary school, doctor's surgery and shops to which residents within the parish will have ready access. The Parish Council's firm negotiating stance in respect of the South Cheshire Growth Village is to ensure it is physically separated from Weston Village and located to the north of the Crewe to Derby railway, for it to be of a high quality of design and to be sensitively integrated into Stowford. Weston & Basford will be expected to accommodate some additional new development, the amount to be determined through the Neighbourhood Plan process. We cannot refuse all new development but the Neighbourhood Plan can influence the amount and type we have and where it goes.

### **Questionnaire**

Filling in this questionnaire is your chance to have a say on future development in Weston & Basford. We need every household in the parish to complete this questionnaire in order to truly reflect the views of our community.

In the questionnaire we want you to agree or disagree with our suggested aims.

**Please read the rear cover on to how to proceed once you have filled in the questionnaire.**

Many thanks for your help. **Remember – YOUR VIEWS MATTER**

*John Cornell* Chair of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

On behalf of Weston & Basford Parish Council