

## **Little Birch & Aconbury Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Printed copies of the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will be distributed in early January to all Aconbury and Little Birch households and businesses in the area.

Public consultation is a key stage in the preparation of the NDP as it is the first time that anyone outside the NDP Steering Group will have seen it. Consultation is a statutory requirement of Regulation 14.

Distributed with the Draft Plan will be a comments form where residents will be able to submit their views and return it by the deadline stated. The consultation period will run from 9am on Monday, 8 January 2018 for a period of six weeks ending at 5pm on Monday, 19 February 2018.

A copy of the Draft Plan and its supporting documents and an online version of the comments form will also be shown on Little Birch Parish Council's website. It is planned to have a 'drop-in' during this period so residents can find out more. Where possible, posters will also display information in the two parishes. Copies of the Draft Plan will also be available to view at The Castle Inn, Little Birch.

A number of volunteers would be welcome to help to put the printed copies into envelopes, which we hope to do at Little Birch Village Hall on Thursday 4 January at 7pm. Coffee and biscuits to be served. We would also be grateful for local residents to help distribute this important document throughout the two parishes – as we did with the Questionnaire earlier this year. Contact Sophie Glover, Clerk to LB&A NDP Steering Group if you are able to help. [littlebirchpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:littlebirchpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

For more information and to be kept up to date, or to have notification of future meetings about Little Birch and Aconbury Neighbourhood Development Plan check out the website – [www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org](http://www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org).

This is the formal pre-submission public consultation on the proposed Draft Plan and is an important document, affecting planning rules for Aconbury and Little Birch as far as 2031.

We welcome Ben Roberts as the Steering Group's new Chair and on behalf of the Steering Group and our Consultant, David Nicholson we wish you all a happy Christmas - and that you'll look forward to reading the NDP and seeing how it affects your future.