



Voting no for a Neighbourhood Plan does not mean a vote for no development, but for no control over development.

Nicholas Boles MP, Planning Minister

Dear Resident,

Shaping the future of our community – a call to action

Through the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Boughton Aluph, Eastwell and Goat Lees, we now have an important opportunity to shape the development of our community in the years up to 2030.

This will give residents power to influence where development should or should not take place, its scale, and the infrastructure needed to support growth. Together, we will be in a stronger position to stop unsustainable and unwanted developments and to manage traffic on our already overstretched roads.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document that sets out planning policies for our parish. It is a blueprint for sustainable development written by the local community, the people who know and love the area. As a legal document it will carry real weight in planning decisions made by the local planning authority and give us more control over what happens in our community.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will go through various stages of public consultation and independent examination. This will build up to a parish referendum on the final draft, where more than 50% of people voting must support the Plan for it to go forward.

In September, we will be holding a series of community consultation events where you can find out more about Neighbourhood Planning and share your ideas about what our Plan should contain. This is your opportunity to influence the Plan from the outset. The dates are:

Thursday 17 September, 7.00pm - 9.00pm, Goat Lees Primary School

Friday 18 September, 7.00pm - 9.00pm, Goat Lees Community Hall

Saturday 19 September, 11.00am - 2.00pm, the Iron Room, Boughton Lees

Sunday 27 September, 11.00am - 4.00pm, Sandyacres, Sandyhurst Lane

Please come along to one of the drop-in sessions and make sure that your views are included.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. You can also contribute to our Neighbourhood Plan online at www.parishplan.uk.

Cllr Jason Matthews

Chairman, Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council