

# SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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## **JUST A REMINDER, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR ORGANISATION TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING.**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **An invitation to a Public Meeting to establish a Neighbourhood Plan in Swanwick**

I am writing to ask if a representative of your organisation would be able to attend an open public meeting on Thursday 21 June 2012 at 6.30pm at Swanwick Hall School Dining Room, accessed off The Green Swanwick.

What is it about?

The Localism Act was enacted in November 2011, and allows communities to prepare their own planning policy documents known as 'Neighbourhood Plans'. To do this a 'Neighbourhood Forum' has to be established with a broad cross section of the community represented on it. No member of the Neighbourhood Forum – or the Steering Group which the Forum will elect – has to be either a councillor or a planning expert; it could be anyone!

To summarise, the Neighbourhood Plan will set out the vision for the area together with planning policies for the development and use of land. The role of the Neighbourhood Forum is to draft the Neighbourhood Plan ready for consultation; ultimately it has to be approved by a local referendum. If prepared in accordance with the statutory processes and procedures (which is the Parish Council's intention) it will become part of the statutory development plan for Amber Valley, and be a primary factor in the assessment of all future planning applications.

Please let me know if you are able to send a representative or if unable to attend on the above date if your group would be interested in getting involved.

Yours faithfully

Sally Leighton  
Clerk to Swanwick Parish Council