

# SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear

## **An Invitation to a Drop In – Meeting to establish a Neighbourhood Plan In Swanwick – 7 November 2012**

I am writing to ask if a representative(s) of your organisation would be willing to attend a drop in session at the Old School House on Wednesday 7 November between 3.00pm and 4.30pm or 6.30pm and 8.00pm. There will be tea/coffee biscuits and for the later session, there will be light refreshments. You will need to specify which session you would like to attend.

You can do this by either using the stamped addressed envelope and slip below or by email or text, whichever you prefer.

### **What is a Neighbourhood Plan**

The Localism Act was enacted in November 2011, the Act 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.

A very well attended meeting was held in Mid June for Members of the Parish to come and air their views, and this meeting of the local businesses and organisations is the next step of the process.

Helen Metcalfe is a planning consultant who is working with the Council to move this initiative forward, and she will be managing the sessions.

I look forward to hearing from you on a positive note.

Cllr Lynne Watson  
Chairman of Swanwick Parish Council

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**Name**..... **Organisation**.....

\*I will/\*will not be attending the 3.00 – 4.30pm session,

\*I will/\*will not be attending the 6.30 – 8.00pm session.

\*I will/\*will not be requiring light refreshments, please specify to allow for catering arrangements.

**Neighbourhood Planning Drop In Sessions Wednesday 7 November 2012 The Old School House, 22 The Green, Swanwick Alfreton DE55 1BL  
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