

# Proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan for Kirtling and Upend

## What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)?

Briefly, an NDP:

- defines planning policies for the neighbourhood area – planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications,
- guides other projects of local interest – conservation, environmental protection, preservation of heritage, development of amenities, infrastructure etc.,
- is written by the local community - those who live in the Parish and who know and value the area, rather than the local planning authority, and
- is a powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place.

The Parish Council (PC) receives a proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (the “CIL”) charged by the local authority on new development in the area. CIL is important for helping the PC fund infrastructural projects. With an NDP, 25% of the levy is available for suitable Parish Council projects. With no NDP (as in our Parish), the amount received is 15%.

Locally, Cheveley is at an advanced stage in producing its NDP.

### ***Advantages***

- NDPs have statutory status and so carry weight when planning or other development is being considered.
- NDPs enable a larger proportion of CIL to flow back to the Parish.
- NDPs require substantial consultation with the local community, thereby improving community involvement.

### ***Disadvantages***

- To develop an NDP requires an enthusiastic and dedicated Working Group with members prepared to share the work. The time scale to produce a Plan is, realistically, at least 3 years.
- There is a cost, but grants are available for consultations, *e.g.* assessment of local heritage.

**Please come to our “Meet and Greet” session on 25<sup>th</sup> September to give us your opinion. Alternatively, please email us on [myviews@kirtlingandupend.org](mailto:myviews@kirtlingandupend.org)**