

# WELCOME to the First Edition of The Repton Neighbourhood Development Plan Newsletter!

## What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan is a new type of planning policy document for a Parish or Neighbourhood.

Once adopted, it will form part of the statutory development plan for the area and must be considered during the planning process. Neighbourhood Development Plans can establish general planning policies for the redevelopment and uses of land in our Parish, such as:

- Where new homes & offices should be built & how they should look.
  - Locations for new shops & community facilities.
  - Protecting locally important landscapes & open spaces.
    - Enabling tourism & rural businesses to develop.

# Public Meeting - Tuesday 28th April

(7:30 pm in Repton Village Hall)

This will be a public meeting, leading to the formation of a working group to produce a plan for the Parish of Repton. Note the date and come along!

#### Get Involved!

If you would like to be involved, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at - np@reptonvillage.org.uk



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## Neighbourhood Development Plan for The Parish of Repton

If you want your views on local issues to be heard, then here is your chance to Influence how the Parish of Repton will develop over the next 15 years.

#### Why Is a Neighbourhood Development Plan so very Important?

The plan is a community-led process which WILL guide the future development, regeneration and conservation of the Parish. It is an opportunity to put forward ideas on how we all want to see our locality develop. Once adopted it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area, and therefore, MUST be considered during the planning process. Its statutory status gives it much greater weight than previous local plans such as village design statements.

#### The information needed to produce It MUST come from YOU.

The Parish Council has agreed to provide monetary support and a Steering Committee, but throughout the process of developing the plan, it is essential to ensure that parishioners are fully involved and engaged. That will ensure that it reflects your views, and also maximises the chances of its being adopted.

#### What are the Issues?

Here are just some of the things that other parishes have thought important and that we could also consider. You may wish to add other ideas.

- Where new homes should be built in order to preserve the village atmosphere for future generations whilst considering the housing needs of the local community.
- The scale of development to be in keeping with the village.
- The preservation of open country between adjacent villages.
- The protection of green open space used for sport and recreation.
- The protection of locally important landscape, buildings and existing community facilities.

#### **Next Steps**

The process includes a number of opportunities for everyone to be involved including:

- Membership of the working group.
- · Questionnaires and meetings to identify the issues.
- Comments on the draft plan.
- A local referendum on the final version of the plan.

#### More Information

A website is under construction with more information, a progress list of all the processes involved, and links to other websites. Look for it at reptonvillage.Org.uk.









