## Summer 2017 Update

Elford’s Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well, and the Steering Group have been working over the last year with our consultants on producing the content of the Plan.

Residents will remember that the Steering Group delivered a Housing Survey to households in the Spring. The group was pleased with the good response to the survey. After analysing the results it was agreed that residents felt it was important to provide some smaller properties for elderly people and young families to enable them to stay in Elford. Residents were in favour of some limited infill development within the existing settlement boundary and most agreed that the building of around 20 homes adjacent to the north of the village, with access from the A513, was needed to meet local demand and would benefit the village by gaining contributions to local facilities. The group decided that these points would form housing policies in the Plan.

The Steering Group includes about a dozen local people who are making sure that local concerns are reflected in Elford’s Plan. The Plan will ensure that future development does not increase the amount of traffic passing through the centre of the village. The Plan will protect the conservation area, and will not support any development on sites within the village boundary which are currently green spaces and are valued by the local community. **This includes a recent proposal for development on protected open space between Eddies Lane, The Beck and The Shrubbery, with dangerous access on to The Shrubbery and a loss of green space. The Neighbourhood Plan does not support this proposal.**

Lichfield District Council can still consider the draft Plan when deciding on planning applications made for development in Elford.

Policies are currently being finalised by our consultants and a draft Neighbourhood Plan will be available for consultation in September. This gives detail on protecting local assets, avoiding development on the flood plain, and protecting the local economy.

Various statutory bodies will be consulted as set out in the regulations, and the public will be able to read online and paper copies, and to comment on the Plan. Comments will be taken into account in the final Plan, which will go to a referendum so that local people can vote on whether it is accepted.

Further information on our consultation will be available soon.

