

Gotherington Neighbourhood Development Plan

An Enduring Vision

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

The current Government has been promoting what they call "localism" which offers communities like Gotherington the ability to formulate their own vision about how they should grow and change. **This is a Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

Whether we like it or not this has become essential as Tewkesbury Borough, Cheltenham Borough and Gloucester City formulate their Joint Core Strategy (JCS) that will underpin their Local Plans for the period up to 2031. It is not a sustainable argument to say that Gotherington will resist this and wants no change. It will happen and in the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan, Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) will impose their plans for development on our village.

The whole reason for preparing our Neighbourhood Development Plan is to assemble the views of the Parish on the following questions:

- What is your vision for the Parish.?
- What sort of development might be needed in the short, medium and long term to cope with housing needs, community needs, traffic management and conservation management?
- What sort of new community facilities might be needed?
- Where should new housing development be located and how might it be phased?



In the past we have had a Parish Plan, and before that several other variations on a theme, so what makes this different?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan must reflect the views of our community.

Once these are incorporated into the plan it goes through all its stages including a referendum and becomes a Statutory Instrument. i.e. it has status in law. That means it can be used to ward off development that does not fit in with the wishes of our community.

