

## WEST CHILTINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COUNCIL

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Dear Fellow Parishioner

### **West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan (WCNP): Housing Needs Survey**

As you may know, a group of volunteers\* recently began work on the West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan, which aims to ensure that local residents have a proper say in any future development in the village. Without such a Plan, we may be subject to speculative planning applications which would be difficult to resist.

The enclosed survey forms an essential part of this process. In the interests of the community as a whole, I do urge you to complete and return it by **Wednesday, 9th April**.

The data gathered will form a major part of the evidence in support of the WCNP. If approved by a village referendum and the Secretary of State, this will be a statutory planning document for the next 15 years.

To ensure that this survey is carried out correctly and with complete confidentiality, we have engaged Action in Rural Sussex to devise the questionnaire and analyse the responses. This independent organisation has long experience of assisting and working for local organisations.

**Please let me assure you again that the answers you give will be completely confidential: indeed, you do not have to give your name and address.**

We know that filling in surveys, however important and well-framed, can be tedious and confusing. We are therefore pleased to offer help sessions in **St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street** to make the process a bit easier and more agreeable. Light refreshments will be provided. The dates are:

**Tuesday 25th March from 3.00 to 5.00 pm / Friday 28th March from 6.00 to 8.00 pm**

**Saturday 29th March from 11.00 to 1.00 pm**

These sessions will also give villagers the chance to put forward their ideas on what other items should be included in the WCNP. **We want this to be an open and inclusive process.**

The results of the housing survey will be summarised on the Parish Council notice boards, website and in the Parish newsletter, well in advance of the village referendum.

We believe the West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan will play a vital role in helping to preserve the rural character of our village. But without your help it simply can't happen. I do hope you will be able to support our efforts by completing the enclosed survey and returning it by **Wednesday, 9th April**.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

*Harvie Steele*

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Chair, West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan Council

\* The West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan Council is made up of volunteer parish councillors and villagers. We welcome your opinions, ideas and feedback. If you would like to come to one of our meetings you will be made very welcome. Please see either the PC or village website, or contact the Clerk. T: 01798 817301. E: wpcclerk@aol.com