

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) STEERING GROUP

The Parish Council Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP - the document to be approved by Stroud District Council to allow OUR opinions on planning permissions in our Parish to be taken into consideration) continued to meet and make progress.

Our Chairman, Councillor Mike Eccott, oversaw 3 public consultation meetings which were arranged in the 3 wards (Bisley, Eastcombe and Oakridge) each in the respective village halls, to seek engagement with residents as to their opinions on the future development of the Parish and what sort of development residents wanted. Over 100 people attended and provided feedback to inform the questions in an NDP Survey.

A website was set up by Councillor Martin Brown and Councillor Lesley Green to provide ongoing information on the NDP: [www.bisleyeastcombeoakridge-ndp2030.org.uk](http://www.bisleyeastcombeoakridge-ndp2030.org.uk)

Under a new Chair, Councillor Tony Martin, the NDP Survey was being prepared to be distributed to all residents during April – until the unexpected happened and it has now been put on hold until the Coronavirus outbreak has been brought under control (we do have a roughly double the percentage of older residents in our Parish than the national average). The NDP survey will consist of a 4-page questionnaire seeking opinions on a variety of issues concerning Housing, Energy and Employment, Mobility and Biodiversity. Please take time to fill it in and return it – YOUR opinion matters.