

The *Local Planning Act* has allowed communities to help shape development within their areas. As a result of this, the '*Alwoodley Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group*' has been formed, comprising local residents and members of Alwoodley Parish Council.

The Steering Group, with the help of the Parish's residents, is preparing a local plan to influence the future development within the Parish and which, in due course, will have formal planning status.

So where are we now?

We formed in the summer of 2013 and have already had our *Application for Neighbourhood Area Designation* accepted. The next step is to develop the plan. In order to do this, the Steering Group needs local views.

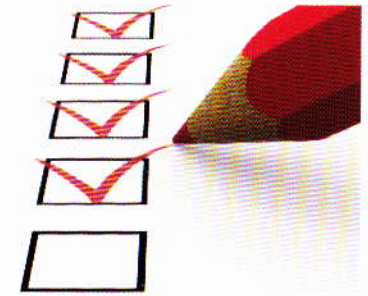


The plan will go much wider than just **housing & development** in the Parish. It will take into consideration such things as:

- Recreation
- The Local Economy
- The Community
- The Environment

Have your say – your opinions count!

With this newsletter you will have received a two page questionnaire seeking your views on living in Alwoodley. Whilst the questions are simple tick boxes, we appreciate any other comments you have to make. Please take advantage of the chance to have your say and have input into Alwoodley for years to come.

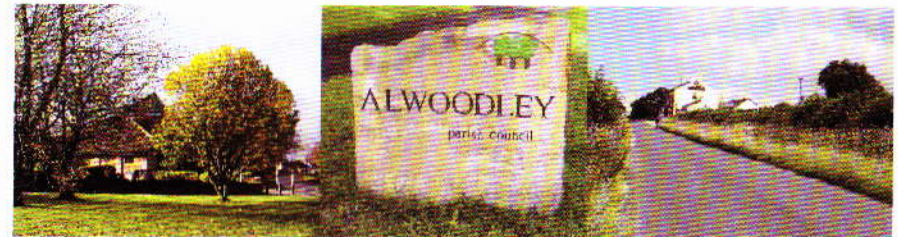


What happens next?

The deadline for returning the questionnaire is 16th May 2014. The returns will be analysed and put onto our web pages (see below) and used to develop the Plan in 2014. The process, once the plan is submitted, is to:

- ensure it is legally compliant with Leeds City Council plans
- have the plan independently inspected
- hold a referendum within the Parish. A simple majority of those voting is required in order that the plan is approved.

The final outcome will be the formal adoption of the plan by the City Council who will then be bound to take the plan into account and consult with us over all future developments.



Want to get involved or find out more?

Come and talk to representatives of the Steering Group at the Annual Parish Meeting on 28th April 2014.

Contact the Steering Group at
alwoodley.np@gmail.com or
 visit www.AlwoodleyParishCouncil.org/NDP.html