

# Newsletter Issue 4



## Latest News - Neighbourhood Plan

### Bedford Borough Local Plan

- The Borough's Local Plan has now been examined by Planning Inspectors in May/June through public hearings.
- The Inspectors have listed a number of modifications and as long as these are included, they have stated that the plan will be able to progress to adoption. None of the modifications have any impact on the housing target for Turvey.
- The Borough's current timetable is to have an adopted plan by March 2020.

### Neighbourhood Plan developments in 2019

- Choosing best sites for housing
  - In March 2019 we put forward our recommendations for best sites for consultation with residents.
  - The recommendations for Mill Rise, Newton Lane, Laws House and the Burrows were strongly supported.
  - In order to have a strong plan we have agreed with the Parish Council that we should choose sites that can produce a minimum of 40 homes.
  - The contribution we looked for from Laws House was 15 homes.
  - Since the consultation, doubts have arisen about the reliability of Laws House to deliver a net gain of more than 5 homes.
  - This falls short of the number of homes we had hoped for from Laws House to help us meet the total requirements for the village.
- Neighbourhood Plan sites review
  - The Steering Group have discussed the options with the Parish Council and come to the conclusion that we need to recommend another site as an alternative to Laws House.
  - Details of the recommended site will be put forward for consultation with residents in September.

### Sites for Housing Consultation - Stage 2

- Full details of the site recommended as a second site alongside Mill Rise will be presented at our next consultation.
- We will also display latest proposals for Local Green Spaces and our plan policies.
- This will start with an exhibition at the village hall on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September (see over).

### This consultation event is a key part of the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan and everyone is strongly encouraged to attend.

- You can give us your views by completing a questionnaire
- If you can't get to the events, from 18<sup>th</sup> March you will be able to view the display and complete a questionnaire at: [www.turveyndp.org.uk](http://www.turveyndp.org.uk)

### Turvey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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