

# Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan

## NEW HOUSES FOR PIMPERNE

But not tomorrow.....!

Over the next fifteen years Pimperne has to accommodate 40-45 new dwellings.

### Why?

The government has decided there should be a significant boost to the housing across the country. It has then tasked the Planning Authority (in our case North Dorset District Council) to provide 5700 dwellings over a period of twenty years, including the provision of 825 dwellings across the rural villages. Most new houses in North Dorset will be built in the towns of Blandford, Gillingham, Shaftesbury and Sturminster Newton. Pimperne's fair share has been calculated to be 40-45 dwellings.

### *There is no choice!*

However we do have the opportunity to influence where they are built through our Neighbourhood Plan. If the plan is agreed, planners must take account of it. **If there is no plan, development can be unchecked.** Pimperne Neighbourhood Planning Group has been working on this for two years. Most of the plan is not contentious but of course where to put houses has provoked much discussion. After careful appraisal of the possible sites and consultations with the local community and other interested bodies (eg Cranborne Chase AONB, Dorset Highways etc.), three sites have been selected. These are shown on the map overleaf.

### Why these three?

- New development should be attached to the boundary of the existing village settlement.
- Landowners must offer land for development.
- Responses to our questionnaire indicated that residents preferred small-scale developments and that they should be spread around the village.
- Although it is appreciated that these sites will directly affect some residents, the overall impact on the village is contained.
- Cranborne Chase AONB has recommended that housing development should be to the village side of the A354.

The Neighbourhood Plan now needs to progress to the final stages of ratification but we feel that it is important that residents have an opportunity to ask questions about the potential sites and why they were chosen.

We have arranged a public consultation drop-in on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00 - 9.00pm, in the Committee Room in Pimperne Village Hall.** There will be the opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the Plan.

This consultation is prior to the public pre-submission consultation for Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan (date to be advised).

Produced by Pimperne Neighbourhood Planning Group

