

Eardisland Parish Council

EARDISLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

You may or may not be aware of an activity currently underway in our Parish, which is to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Acting for the Parish Council, a specially formed Steering Group (SG) has been appointed to draft the NDP. This task started in June this year and we hope it will be largely complete by the end of 2014.

The existence of an NDP has become a facet of central Government's drive to encourage democracy at a local level. The NDP is designed to enable local communities to exercise some control over developments in their area, in our case the Parish of Eardisland. When the NDP is finally agreed, it will have standing in law and will be important to us all, individuals, families and businesses. As the plan is developed it will be subject to a process of local and expert scrutiny. Before becoming law, it will have to be accepted by a popular vote within the community.

Primarily the NDP will establish the criteria which the community wishes to apply in relation to:

- The location, number and style of new residential properties
- The support of appropriate and sustainable businesses, to encourage development within our Parish
- The protection and enhancement of the environment and our public and open spaces and facilities
- The support of aspirational but important community matters such as the provision of faster Broadband, ensuring greater road safety and the development of community in the widest sense. This latter area will include a duty of care.

As the heading to this letter indicates, we are writing to you specifically as a business located within the boundary of the Parish of Eardisland. We hope to raise awareness of the NDP process which, when complete, could have a direct impact on your business and possibly on some of the staff you employ.

The NDP SG generally meets 2 Thursdays a month in the Village Hall and the meetings are open to everyone to attend. The next planned meetings are on: 2 and 18 October, 6 and 20 November, 4 and 18 December. Relevant information concerning the work being undertaken is posted on the village website (www.eardisland.org.uk), reported on parish-wide Bulletin boards and in the Parish Magazine. If you are in doubt or for more information, please contact any member of the SG. Names and contact details are given below.

Inevitably this letter will raise more questions than it answers but we hope you will see it as the start of a communication process which will stimulate your interest in the NDP.

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