

WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Woodchurch residents

In 2014, several parcels of land in the village were identified by the **LAND OWNERS, THEIR AGENTS OR DEVELOPERS** for possible inclusion in a future, long term development plan.

Several sites were written off by the Borough Council following an initial consultation with the village in May/June 2014 but several remain shortlisted and are now subject to further consultation.

The shortlisted sites are

- Up to 35 houses on land between 82-120, Front Road (already subject of 2 recent planning application rejections) (Site WS 28)
- Up to 15 homes in Lower Road on land abutting Kirkwood Avenue and the rear of existing homes on Front Road (Site WS 25)
- 12 houses on land to the South of Rectory Close (Site WS 27)
- 10 houses on Bournes Field to the North of Bournes Place (Site WS69)

These sites, if included in the long term plan, would provide up to 72 homes in the village over the next few years in addition to those approved each year by Ashford Borough Council through the normal planning process. They were shortlisted despite clear opposition from the Parish Council and the residents in 2014. The Parish Council's submission and other important information is available on the "*Development in Woodchurch*" tab on the Parish Website – www.woodchurchpc.gov.uk

The Parish Council would like to have an up-to-date and clear view of residents' feelings about these potential developments and the village's future direction. To facilitate that, a new Advisory Committee has been established to undertake opinion surveys and prepare a report for consideration by the full Parish Council at its regular meeting on 24th July 2015.

The Sub- committee has decided to hold 3 site-specific meetings to discuss each submission and offers an open invitation to all residents potentially affected by them to attend.

The dates and times for the meetings are

Site WS27 Rectory Close – **Thursday June 25th 2015** 7pm Memorial Hall Annexe

Site WS69 Bournes Field – **Thursday 2nd July 2015** 7pm Memorial Hall Annexe

Sites WS25 & WS28 – Lower Road/Front Road – **Thursday 16th July 2015** – 7pm Memorial Hall Annexe

All residents of the village are invited to

- a) Complete the short survey that accompanies this letter. It can also be downloaded from the Woodchurch Parish Council website or available at the Information Centre between 9am– 4pm on the following dates - Wednesdays - 24th June or 1st July 2015
- b) Attend the Parish Council Meeting on **24th July at 7pm** to hear the report findings

Rob Woods

Chairman – Housing Advisory Committee