## Neighbourhood Plan for Leicester Forest East

The Localism Act of 2011 has given Parish Councils the power to shape what their neighbourhood will look like in the future.

Leicester Forest East Parish Council has made the decision to take on these new powers and to prepare what is known as a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. Once finalised, this will help ensure that important local green spaces are protected from development; that heritage assets are safeguarded and that any new housing or business development is controlled and meets local needs. The Neighbourhood Plan, once approved, will be an important document that has to be taken into account by Blaby District Council when determining planning applications.

The Parish Council, with professional support, will drive this process forward over the next 12 months or so, but it needs YOUR involvement NOW to make sure that the Neighbourhood Plan truly reflects the wishes and aspirations of local people. In the coming months there will be a wide range of opportunities for you to have your say so watch out for this so that you can contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan as it develops and find out how it is progressing.

We want to hear from you about what is good or bad about living and working here so that we can understand what needs to change.

This is your chance to really make a difference to the future of Leicester Forest East.

We hope you will become involved and help the Parish Council to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects local need.

## **How to Get Involved**

- Come to the drop in event on 10.09.16 between 10:00 am 1:00 pm
- Join a Theme Group information will be available at the Open Event
- Follow progress on the Parish Council website and through newsletters
- Watch out for other events and opportunities to become involved later this year, including a questionnaire
- Find out more by contacting Sue Jones, the Parish Clerk on susanljones23@btconnect.com