

# Gotherington Neighbourhood Development Plan

*An Enduring Vision .....*

## Environment

### 1/Views and Open Spaces

In its unique position on the edge of the Severn Plain Gotherington is surrounded by open countryside. Residents enjoy splendid views across the Vale of Evesham and to the surrounding hills of Woolstone, Nottingham and Cleeve.

Past surveys have shown that people who live here have chosen to do so because they appreciate the rural aspect and the relationship between the village and the open countryside.

Significant Open Spaces within the village include the Playing Field and the approach to Lawrence's Meadow and these areas will be protected. Developments which threaten important ponds and wildlife habitat in the area will also be resisted.

The NDP aims to ensure that future development should preserve aspects of the rural character by protecting special views and designated open spaces within the village and to reduce the visual impact of new housing by the planting of trees and hedges.



*What views of the surrounding landscape do you consider important to preserve?*

*What other spaces do you feel should be preserved and protected?*

### 2/ Trees and Hedgerows

Over the years the planting of trees has taken place both within the village boundary and local fields and lanes. Many of the trees have now reached maturity and are subject to Tree Preservation orders which are recorded by Tewkesbury Council. Any future development must take notice of these orders when drawing up site plans and existing trees and hedgerows will be preserved wherever possible.

The NDP will require any future housing development to be suitably landscaped to reduce visual impact.

*Where would you like to see additional trees planted.?*

### 3/ Footpaths and Rights of Way

Gotherington village is served with an established comprehensive network of footpaths and rights of way which connect the village to the surrounding countryside and the communities of Woolstone, Oxenton and Bishop's Cleeve.

Village residents recognise the importance of protecting these rights of way and the opportunities they provide for public access not only to beautiful countryside but also travel to work and school without the use of the car.

The NDP will require the preservation and maintenance of all footpaths within the village and the connections to local villages.

