

Dear

Ryton Neighbourhood Plan

Many thanks for coming to the Open Event at School last month and for indicating that you might be interested in helping with the development of the Plan.

We collected a lot of useful views and feedback at the Open Event and we will also have the results from the Village Questionnaire early in the New Year. The response to the Questionnaire has been excellent with over 500 returned.

Using the Open Event and Questionnaire feedback as a starting point, the next step is to form some Focus Groups to look into the key areas (housing, environment, community facilities) in more detail. These groups will meet over a 3/4 month period to brainstorm the issues and propose community objectives and the policies required to achieve them.

This Focus Group activity is at the heart of the Neighbourhood Planning process and we very much hope that you will be able to be part of it.

We have planned a **Focus Group Launch Event on Thursday 18th January** in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. At this meeting we will summarise what has happened so far and how the Focus Groups are going to work.

Coming along does not in any way commit you to joining a group - but it does give you the chance to hear about the plans and decide if you would like to take part.

We very much hope you will be able to come on 18th and look forward to seeing you then.

Many thanks again for your interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Very best wishes

The Steering Committee