

## Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan

I am very pleased to announce that the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan has been approved by the Appointed Inspector and is ready to go forward to a Referendum on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017, where you will be able to support this Plan with your vote. For the Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted and become a legal document the YES vote has to be in excess of 50% of the voting turnout. If the Plan fails at referendum then we lose the benefits listed below.

We are the first parish in the Malvern Hills District to complete a Neighbourhood Plan and it has taken a number of years effort by a dedicated group of people to achieve this. Our Plan will work in conjunction with the South Worcestershire Development Plan and it is in place to protect our parish in various ways. The main things that it will do are:-

- Keep Kempsey separate from Worcester City
- Have a bigger voice in future planning within the whole parish
- Provide new facilities for our Community
- Protect our Green Spaces and Heritage

You may not be aware of it, but all the new development sites that we have in our village have had to pay a significant financial levy, on each house built, to Malvern Hills District Council. This money, known as Section 106 money, is held by the district council to be used for community facilities. Our Neighbourhood Plan will enable us to apply for this money, between one and two million pounds, to provide a new Community Centre and an additional Sports Field.

You can view the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan on the MHDC website, Kempsey Parish Council's website [www.kempseyhub.co.uk](http://www.kempseyhub.co.uk) , or, from the middle of September, asking for a hard copy at the Parish Office.

The referendum will take the same form as a general election and will take place at the Parish Hall on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017. As with a normal election you will receive voting cards and you will be able to apply for a Postal Vote if that would be advantageous for you. If anyone has problems getting to the polling station, then please contact the Parish Office and we may be able to arrange a lift for you.

Kempsey Parish Council believes that this Neighbourhood Plan will benefit our community

For detailed minutes of all meetings please refer to one of the six Parish Noticeboards or to the website [www.kempseyhub.co.uk](http://www.kempseyhub.co.uk)

Trevor Geens  
Chairman