

# Neighbourhood Development Plan

## 7th public meeting in consultation series

On Friday 11 October the NDP team hosted an evening presentation in the Village Hall, to an audience of 52 residents, landowners and various parish and district councillors. John Howell, Conservative MP for Henley also attended.

This meeting, the seventh in the series of consultations with villagers since April 2012, focussed on three important topics Traffic & Parking (Craig Henderson), Character of Sonning Common village (Jeff Bishop – Consultant to the NDP) and, thirdly, the Options selected by residents for the location of future homes and associated facilities (Leigh Rawlins).

Following the meeting 41 attendees gave written responses to a questionnaire which included traffic and parking and street lighting. The majority suggested that parking and traffic issues warranted further attention and investment, while existing street lighting was deemed to be

sufficient with many expressing concerns that increased lighting would detract from the rural character of the village.

The questionnaire also asked for views on:

- a) The proposed spread of development between locations in the North and South of the village - (27 agreed, 10 disagreed, 4 undecided);
- b) The proposal of 'simple grassed Amenity Green space', possibly on SON 1 (opposite Old Copse Wood) - (30 agreed, 5 disagreed, 6 undecided);
- c) The proposal of a sports field with pitches and scope for a new Community/Sports Hall, possibly located on SON 3 (Memorial Hall field opposite Chiltern Edge School) – 22 agreed, 15 disagreed, 4 undecided).

On 16 November, 150 residents attended another public meeting which was held at the village hall. The display board 'walk through' presentation told the 'story so far'. ■

