“Your chance to have your say on the future”

Last year we announced and began to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. An important step in this process is the Community Survey, which enables residents to comment upon issues fundamental to the Plan.

The Survey begins on the facing page. It provides the opportunity for you to ‘have your say’ on issues that will help determine how our Parish will develop over the coming decades. It’s hoped that every household in the Parish will complete and return the Survey – don’t say you weren’t asked!

Q What’s a Neighbourhood Plan?
A Once it’s completed the Neighbourhood Plan will be incorporated into the St Albans City and District Council Local Plan, meaning that the Parish will have a greater say in how the local area is developed in the future.

Q Why’s it so important?
A Because it will affect the shape of our villages – Bricket Wood, Chiswell Green and Park Street – in the years to come.

Q Is it just about housing development?
A It’s not just about housing. A Neighbourhood Plan also encompasses developing community facilities, protecting green spaces, addressing transport and traffic issues and looking at the needs of local businesses.

Q What’s happened so far?
A A number of meetings have already been held, giving local residents the opportunity to raise issues they feel to be important. Subsequent to these meetings working parties have analysed these comments in detail and incorporated them into the Community Survey.

Q Why’s it so important we complete the Survey?
A The Survey gives residents the opportunity to feed in their views and help confirm that the issues being addressed are in line with their views and, additionally, consolidate everyone’s opinions.

Q Can the younger generation have their say?
A Certainly. In addition, there’s also a separate ‘Youth Survey’ which can be found at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6J2V5F2.