**WITTON GILBERT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Approximately 100 people visited the first public consultation session at Cooper Hall on the 21st February to show progress so far in producing the plan which will go towards shaping the future of our village.

 The reaction was generally favourable particularly with regard to the Village Centre suggestion and 36 people voiced their support and a further 14 left written support.

Housing proved to be a controversial subject with some opposition in general, and to particular sites. There was also support for some selective development. 29 written comments were left with a mix of support and opposition.

In all 65 written comments were given to us and all are much appreciated. Comments received are being recorded and all will be taken into consideration as the plan progresses.

This was the first public consultation event and thank you to everyone who came and participated. Further events will be held to look at subjects such as transport, environment and heritage and everyone is welcome to come and give their views, positive or negative. We need input from residents to produce a balanced plan which will safeguard our important green spaces, plan to curb speculative development and secure the future of the village.

Community involvement is the key to success for the Neighbourhood Plan so please get in touch with any views or comments you may have. The Neighbourhood Plan Group members are all residents of Witton Gilbert and we are working hard to ensure everyone has the chance contribute to the future of our village.

Look out for further event notification.

**Should you have any queries, comments or wish to assist the Group please contact the Parish Council at** **wittongilbertparishcouncil@gmail.com** **or contact George Thompson on 0191 3711808.**