



# **BARDSEY CUM RIGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **'INFORMAL' CONSULTATION PHASE**

Dear Resident,

### **Welcome to the next round of consultation on our Neighbourhood Plan.**

We are delighted to confirm that the first draft of our Neighbourhood Plan has now been completed. This opens the way to the next stage on the road towards its adoption as a binding, statutory component of the planning framework for our community.

As you know, the Localism Act requires the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to be a fully participative process. Unless we can demonstrate to an independent inspector's satisfaction that we have consulted you adequately, we won't even get as far as putting it to your vote in the promised village referendum. Rightly so, given the influence it will have on Bardsey's future development.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan included in this document is the latest stage in the consultation process with *all* the residents of Bardsey cum Rigton. Villagers have 6 weeks to send in their views and comments on the document. These will then be taken on board by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, who will use them to shape the final draft of the Plan.

***As ever, the greater the response we have from the Village the better our chances of getting the final plan approved by Residents in the referendum, which is all part of the Neighbourhood Planning process.***

### **Enclosures**

This enclosed document consists of three parts:

***Neighbourhood Plan News*** - a newsletter prepared by the Steering Committee to bring you right up to date on what has happened over the past few months, and explain the key issues that have had to be addressed;

***A summary version of the draft Neighbourhood Plan*** – a shortened version intended to focus on the more important parts of the Plan, especially key policies. A copy of the full plan is available on the web at [bardseyvillage.org.uk](http://bardseyvillage.org.uk), and a limited number of hard copies will be available from the Church and Callister Hall;

***A short Questionnaire*** – This is for your feedback and will allow us to take Villagers' views fully into account when writing the final draft.

## **Notes**

- 1) ***If you are in Scarcroft:*** you are receiving this because the designated Bardsey Neighbourhood Plan Area was based on the former Bardsey cum Rigton parish boundary, before the changes in 2014. Leeds City Council is considering revising the Neighbourhood Plan areas to coincide with the new Parish Boundaries, but this has not happened yet and until it does we will keep you in the process.
  
- 2) ***Steering Committee:*** Our thanks go to the following members of the Steering Committee who have willingly given their time to putting together the Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the Village: Jane Ambrose, Lindsay Burns, Mike Bosomworth, Stephen Bucknell, Jack Cairns, Ian Frankland, June Gallant, Jane Ingham, Chris Sidle, Ed Stentiford, and Lance Tattersall.
  
- 3) ***Ruralis:*** In addition the contribution of David Gluck and Ruralis in putting the document together has been essential (see Page 4 of Neighbourhood Plan News), and would not have been possible without funding from Locality.