



## **UPDATE 8 August 2019**

### **Regulation 16 Consultation**

The final consultation ended on Tuesday, 6 August, at 5pm.

### **Independent Examination**

Andrew Ashcroft has been appointed as the independent examiner for our NDP by Rugby Borough Council (RBC). He should be able to start the examination as soon as RBC send him the representations received during the Regulation 16 consultation, hopefully within the next week or two.

Mr Ashcroft has extensive experience in neighbourhood planning. This includes a leadership role in a council where many neighbourhood plans have been successfully adopted, carrying out a wide variety of examinations, being involved in preparing a neighbourhood plan as a steering group member in the village he lived in and assisting other groups as a consultant to prepare their plans. Through his work he has developed a real interest in and awareness of rural planning issues in general and the specific need to sustain villages in a positive and sensitive fashion.

### **After The Examination**

Once Mr Ashcroft has carried out his examination, he will write a report which may well make recommendations for changes to the NDP so that it fully meets the basic conditions (legal requirements) for a neighbourhood plan. If he recommends that the NDP should proceed to a referendum, once these changes are made, then this is likely to take place sometime in the Autumn.

The referendum will ask local people whether or not they would like RBC to use the Willoughby NDP to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.