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Hello residents of Catshill and North Marlbrook

Catshill and North Marlbrook Neighbourhood Plan

In 2016, your Parish Council commissioned a Steering Group comprising of residents and Councillors in order to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Since that time the group worked tirelessly throughout 2017 to ensure maximum involvement of the community, including promotion and explanation of Neighbourhood Plans at community events, questionnaires, workshops and drop in sessions available to all. If you remain unsure about the nature of a Neighbourhood Plan, it is a document that is very important for safeguarding our semi-rural community and will allow us to guide change in an acceptable way within the Parish. Further information is available at <http://www.catshillandnorthmarlbrookplan.org.uk>

It is important that everyone has a say in the growth of our Parish as we work towards a shared vision of how our Neighbourhood should develop, and the 2017 consultations allowed residents and businesses alike to 'make their views count'. The attached questionnaire is based on the responses already received and outlines the proposed vision, planning aims and policies for our Neighbourhood.

Although we cannot refuse outright plans for housing development, we can, through the Neighbourhood Plan, influence where and what type of housing is built in order to meet the housing targets laid down in Bromsgrove Council's approved Local Plan. This allows us to have a say in development rather than it being imposed upon us. The questionnaire identifies possible sites for housing development for your consideration. Also if you are the owner of any land identified or indeed have a direct interest in it please contact the Parish Clerk in writing at the address detailed on the questionnaire.

The questionnaire makes reference to Green Belt. This is land designated by Bromsgrove Council to prevent urban sprawl and maintain a sense of openness of the countryside. Bromsgrove Council have just started a review of existing Green Belt boundaries, the results of which may change the designated Green Belt land surrounding the built up parts of Catshill and North Marlbrook. The Green Belt boundaries referred to in our questionnaire are the boundaries that will apply following this Green Belt review.

Please spare some time for completion of the attached questionnaire and return it to us by no later than 30th June. Your views are important; they will enable us to create a plan with substance that will accurately reflect the views of our community. We will then produce a draft Neighbourhood Plan for further consultation before submission to the District Council, who will organise a referendum on which you will have the final vote.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Owen Sweeting'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'O' and 'S'.

Councillor Owen Sweeting
Chairman Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council