

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a policy document developed by a community and ratified by the local District Council, setting out rules and policies about how housing and economic development should take place in an area.

The Southwell Neighbourhood Plan establishes the scale, design and type of housing we should have, and also includes sections on Environmental policies, Design & Heritage, Transport & Access, Community Facilities and Green & Open Spaces. It cannot cover roads medical services or schools

Having an approved Plan gives Southwell a set of tools to use for developers to plan the types of development we believe are appropriate to meet our community's needs. Not only that, it provides protection against alternative developments which may not be desirable to the local population.

It also increases the percentage of the Community Infrastructure Levy the town receives from 15% to 25%. This is collected from developers by the District Council. Since the plan was adopted, the Town has received an additional £100,000 as result.

## Some examples of the use of CIL money in the town



Adult exercise area at the War Memorial Recreation Ground



Rejuvenation of Squires Pond



New play equipment at Norwood Gardens Play Area



New Co-ordinated Covers for the Market Stalls