

## Villagers' opinions sought on development

ALL Pulborough residents have been given a survey form to complete and to tell the Parish Council how they see the village developing over the next 15 years.

The first count shows that over 35 per cent of the households in the parish returned the survey. "That's right up to where we hoped it would be," said Richard Keatley who is leading the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Councillors in Pulborough are also pleased with the initial results of the survey that was held during August and September.

Ray Queded, chairman of the Parish Council, said: "To receive back 787 returns is great news. The initial count shows that most were returned by the older generation but that was expected.

"However, it is a pity that most of the working age residents have not responded. Only 8.6% of the 25-40 age group were moved to put pen to paper, despite a sizeable publicity campaign, and they are the ones who will, if they remain living in Pulborough, be affected most by any changes."

Work will continue to get headline results ready for the Pulborough Harvest Fair on Saturday September 27 and detailed analysis will continue throughout the autumn.

The Steering Group responsible for the Neighbourhood Plan will use the evidence supplied to show what the village residents want for their community.

The purpose of the plan is to allow the community to have a say in building programmes in the parish.

Ray Queded said: "We now need to have details from landowners of the sites that they wish to put forward for future development. Anyone who wants to build in Pulborough parish needs to talk to the Parish Council about their future plans.

"If a potential site is not in the final plan then developers would have to be wary about the possibility of that site's future development."

Richard Keatley said: "Whether it is a whole estate on open fields or a granny flat in the garden landowners need to come and talk. A conservatory or an attic room will follow the normal system but any new dwellings need to be thought about now."

Landowners need to call the parish office now, 01798 873532, or email clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.