

Neighbourhood Development Plans come out of the Government's determination to ensure that local communities are closely involved in the decisions which affect them. The Preston Neighbourhood Development Plan has been developed to establish a vision for the village and to help deliver the local community's aspirations and needs for the plan period 2018 – 2031. When finally 'made' our Neighbourhood Development Plan will be a statutory document that will be incorporated into the District planning framework and be used by Cotswold District Council to determine planning applications.

Our Plan is being produced by local residents, under the aegis of the Parish Council, using the views of the residents of Preston, with the invaluable assistance of an experienced Planning Consultant. The Steering Group has consulted with and listened to the community and local organisations on a wide range of issues that will influence the well-being, sustainability and long-term preservation of Preston's rural community. Building on the Design Statement published in 2016, every effort has been made to ensure that the views and policies contained in this document reflect those of the majority of Preston residents.

This consultation draft is a step along the way to final adoption which is likely to take until at least the end of the year, and comments and views are both welcome and necessary. An electronic copy of this Plan and the Evidence Papers supporting it can be found online at www.prestonpc.org.uk

As Chair of the Steering Group I would like personally to thank particularly the members of the Group and pay tribute to their work since May 2017 and our Parish Clerk and Planning Consultant for their continued support. Many thanks are also due to all those in the Parish who helped to write this Plan by filling in questionnaires, attending meetings and offering views, without which it would not have been possible to produce this Neighbourhood Plan; your continued support is still vital to achieve its final adoption.