



RADCLIFFE ON TRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

REFERENDUM

Dear Resident,

Neighbourhood Plans are planning policy documents written at a local level, to influence the future development of towns and villages. They cover such issues as new housing, redevelopments, extensions to existing housing, roads and infrastructure, health, leisure, retail and business premises. They are important documents which must be considered when the majority of planning applications are decided. Once adopted they can remain in place for many years.

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council has developed in conjunction with local residents, a Neighbourhood Plan document and subsequently approval has been given to hold a public referendum on **Thursday 19th October 2017**. This will be *your* opportunity to decide whether the plan should be adopted.

The referendum will follow a similar format to a general/local election. All electors (residents) who are registered and eligible to vote in local government elections within the Parish of Radcliffe on Trent, will be able to vote and will shortly be receiving polling cards for this purpose. Votes can either be made at a polling station or, if registered, by post.

Electors (residents) will be issued with a ballot paper asking them if they want Rushcliffe Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for guidance when deciding the majority of planning applications.

Residents will be able to vote **'Yes' (for)** or **'No' (against)**.

If more than 50% vote **'Yes'**, Rushcliffe Borough Council would then be required to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan as part of their planning policy.

If the referendum results in a majority **'No'** vote, then the Neighbourhood Plan could not be adopted and it would then be up to Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council to decide the way forward.

The Parish Council encourages you to visit their website (www.rotpc.com) and view the Neighbourhood Plan Document to get a better understanding of how it would affect the village. For those who are not online, a copy is available to view at the Parish Council offices in The Grange.

This Referendum is important for the village.

Please use your vote on **Thursday 19th October 2017**.

Thank you.

Mrs J. Grice, The Parish Clerk.