



## **Renhold Neighbourhood Plan**

**Dear Resident,**

**The Parish Council is supporting our community in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan - an official document that will enable us to have a say in how we would like to see the Parish of Renhold develop through to 2030.**

**An essential part of this project is to gauge the opinion of the community so the Plan can fairly represent the consensus view and strive to meet the community's aspirations about Renhold's future.**

**Please help by answering the following preliminary questions which will give the Working Group a starting point.**

Q1 Please tell us the road in which you live:

Q2 Please tell us three things that you like about living in the Parish of Renhold as it is today.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Q3 Please tell us three things that you do not like about living in Renhold as it is today

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Q4 Please tell us how would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next ten years?

Q5 If you are interested in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and help to formulate the future of Renhold through to 2030, please let us know your name, contact phone number(s) & email address. Thank you.

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**Please complete this document and return by 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. You may:**

→ scan it and return it by email to: [renhold.npwg@gmail.com](mailto:renhold.npwg@gmail.com); or

→ drop it into one of the collecting boxes in/at: the Post Office Stores, the Chapel, the Church, the Primary School, the Polhill Arms pub, the 'Aspire' (Fiona Way) Sports Pavilion, the letter box at 5 Flamville Rd, the collecting box affixed to the 'Spires' (Maskell Drive) P.C. Notice Board; or

→ pop it in the letter box at (or post to) **RNPWG, 3 Asgard Drive, Renhold, MK41 0UP**; or

→ download this document from <https://www.renhold-pc.co.uk/>, type your responses in the editable sections [ ] and return it by email to: [renhold.npwg@gmail.com](mailto:renhold.npwg@gmail.com).

→ And if you can't do any of the above, call Amanda on (01234) 870704 & we'll collect.

**Please ensure we receive your response by 5<sup>th</sup> October!**

**Thank you for your interest in the future of Renhold.**

## So what is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a plan which will give our Renhold Parish community a say on what they want the Parish to be like in the future, including what and where new housing development could take place.

## Why does Renhold need one?

Bedford Borough Council's adopted Local Plan runs to 2030 and guides development across the Borough and surrounding Parishes. This Local Plan sets out the Council's wider policy considerations but does not necessarily address local concerns which are more appropriately addressed by way of a Neighbourhood Plan.

As residents of Renhold, it is important that we have a Neighbourhood Plan that helps us to shape and protect our Parish for the future.

With a plan in place, we have a stronger voice and, by Planning Law, we have to be listened to, for example by Bedford Borough Council and by developers.

Having an adopted Neighbourhood Plan will also provide us with opportunities to secure more community benefits.

## What will be in the plan?

That is genuinely up to you and the community as a whole.

**A Neighbourhood Plan must represent, and be led by, the views and needs of the community as a whole, not just the Parish Council.**

## As a starter, here are some of the topics you may wish to think about:

- \* Leisure and Community facilities
- \* Transport and Highways
- \* Sustainability
- \* Renewable Energy
- \* Employment
- \* Natural Environment
- \* Housing
- \* Health and Wellbeing
- \* Services, incl. communications, utilities, energy, etc.

