

## **What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

1.1 The Localism Act introduces a right for communities to draw up 'Neighbourhood Plans' that can become part of the formal planning framework for the area (in this case, North Northamptonshire). Once adopted, these Neighbourhood Plans will form part of the statutory Development Plan for the area.

1.2 Neighbourhood planning will allow people to come together through a parish or town council or a neighbourhood forum, and say what the area needs; where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go; and what they should look like. There are also proposals that would allow local communities to grant full or outline planning permission in areas where they most want to see new homes and businesses, making it easier and quicker for development to go ahead.

1.3 Neighbourhood plans should cover the issues important to your local area, so there will not be any hard and fast rules about what they should contain- it will vary according to your local needs and ambitions.

1.4 The residents of Glapthorn, through the Annual Parish Meeting 2016, have given the Parish Council a mandate to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.