

# Hardwicke Parish Council

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**To: all Residents of Hardwicke**

**From: Hardwicke Parish Council**

Dear Resident,

## **Hardwicke Targeted to build over 1000 houses to meet the needs of Gloucester City**

The Rural Character of Hardwicke is to be put at risk by Stroud District Council as it includes more land within the Village in the review of its Local Plan (Emerging Strategy)

The review of Stroud District Council's Review of its Local Plan has identified Hardwicke as a potential site to provide houses to meet the needs of Gloucester City. Hardwicke has been picked as a possible dumping ground for more houses because the Councils of Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury refuse to identify development land in their own areas.

Redrow, the Developer, has previously sought to build 1250 homes on rural land in the Village and is returning again, not to meet the needs of Stroud District Council, but to use the shortfall in provision elsewhere to attack and destroy the rural nature of Hardwicke.

The views of residents were captured by the Parish Council in its Neighbourhood Development Plan stating that the rural character should be maintained and not be built upon. The Parish Council is fully aware that any future development will have a dramatic impact on local roads and make journey times even more onerous. Residents in Hunts Grove and other parts of Hardwicke already suffer from speeding traffic, congestion and inadequate approaches to overburdened road networks.

Stroud District Council has a consultation event on December 18<sup>th</sup> at Hardwicke Village Hall from 2.30 until 6.30 where the Local Plan Review and its impact will be revealed. Residents are encouraged to visit the consultation event and to make their views known. Details are also available on the district council website

Residents unable to attend are urged to express their views in writing to:

**Local Plan Review  
Planning Strategy Team  
Stroud District Council  
Ebley Mill, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB**

or Visit [www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview)