

## **Adel Neighbourhood Forum elects its Leaders**

At its meeting on 4th February fifteen Members of the Adel Neighbourhood Forum unanimously elected Ian Bond and Nick Brown as its Joint Chairmen/ Chairpersons. Caroline Anderson was similarly elected to the post of Secretary. Geoff Steel is the representative of Adel Parish Church on the Forum.

Nick Brown is a professional architect who has lived in Adel for 16 years. Nick said "Adel has a great opportunity to determine its future now, through the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan, and I'm both excited and honoured to have been elected Co-Chair."

Ian Bond is a retired senior children's services manager who has lived in Adel for the last thirty years. His previous job was about making a difference for children through the development of Sure Start children centres in a neighbouring authority. He was a governor at Ralph Thoresby High School for 12 years and succeeded Geoff as Chair of Governors. Ian said "Credit should be given to the whole Community as the first non- Parish Church community to apply for Neighbourhood Forum status. I have been impressed by the quality and commitment of people coming forward to offer their services."

The Neighbourhood Forum hopes to be able to conduct its first public consultation on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Details of venue to be confirmed. This will be the opportunity for Adel to express its views on the future of development in this area and what services and resources we would like to see. The next Adel Neighbourhood Forum will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at which time we would hope to have some preliminary feedback from the consultation.

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Background for Editors

The Government has two goals for neighbourhood planning: one is that local people will have influence over where development can go and how it might look; the other is that neighbourhoods will be more welcoming of development because of a renewed sense of ownership.

Leeds City Council's Vision for 2030 is to be the best city in the UK, that  
1) Leeds will be fair, open and welcoming; 2) Leeds' economy will be prosperous and sustainable; and 3) All Leeds' communities will be successful.

Neighbourhood planning fits well into this approach and will help to deliver the principles and ambitions of the Vision for Leeds. The preparation of the plan will

help create new and lasting partnerships, for example between public services, businesses and the voluntary sector.

The purpose of the Forum is to give a renewed sense of ownership to the Adel Community on land development issues and also to ensure that local people have a strong influence over the future Use, location, character and mix of future developments.

The Vision would be to ensure a sustainable future for Adel. A key factor is to define a clear identity for the area which would be for the benefit of the inhabitants and would also foster a spirit of pride in the local community.

There is a close dialogue with Leeds City Planning Department and a Neighbourhood Plan will be produced which will be the subject of a Community referendum. A time scale of 18-24 months is envisaged.