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And finally.....

On behalf of the Steering Group can I thank you for your support and help in getting us to this stage through attending our two consultation events; by completing our questionnaire; through inviting us to talk to your various groups and societies and through the various conversations that take place between us all.

Have a very happy Christmas and new year.
Tom Higginson

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**for the village
by the village**

First off we have some great news on funding - we have just secured a grant from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), which is the sponsoring body for Neighbourhood Plan, for £5,000. This will cover all the professional support from our planning consultants between the start of November through to the end of March.

In the last newsletter I indicated that the Steering Group had established both a view of what Flore should be (sometimes referred to as a 'vision') as well as the core guiding principles (or objectives) that the policies will in the plan should address. These are:

What should Flore be:

A parish that retains and enhances its character and develops in a sustainable way that meets the needs and wishes of all who live and work in it.

The guiding principles are:

- To ensure that if more housing is required it is provided in small scale developments inside a new, defined boundary
- To ensure that housing choices are available for all sections of the community

- To ensure that new development is of the highest design quality and sustainability and that market and social housing are integrated and indistinguishable
- To protect and enhance the quality of open spaces within the village
- To protect the important views into, out of and within the village
- To link the north and south of the village once the bypass is built with a new linear green space with reduced traffic speeds on the High Street
- To identify potential uses to which community infrastructure levy (CIL) funds could be put
- To provide realistic support for recreational facilities that meets the needs of the Parish
- To support services, shop and other businesses providing employment opportunities, including agriculture
- To promote safe walking and cycle routes both within the village and to nearby villages and towns
- To support retention and improvement of bus services to and from the village.

Both the vision for Flore and the guiding principles have come directly from the feedback that you have given us.

So what is next?

We have also been in conversation with various statutory bodies and others to source the technical data that we need to inform the next stage of the Plan, which is the translation of the vision and principles into policies. These we will share with you in the new year.

Our Programme

Our aim is to have finalised the first draft in January/February next year, which we will consult with you on. There are a number of technical reports that we have to write - a statement on the consultation that we have undertaken as well as a statement to demonstrate that we have addressed all the areas that the Government regulations tell us that we have to do in our Plan.

With a fair wind we hope to be in a position where, in early summer 2015, we are able to submit our Plan to Daventry DC for the next stage, which is the formal examination stage before an independent planning inspector in the Autumn and a desire that this time next year the Flore Plan is in place guiding development within the Parish up to 2029.

The Daventry Link Road

By the time that you read this the planning application for the by-pass will have been lodged by the County Council. For many of you who have campaigned tirelessly over many, many years this will be an important milestone and one which you should rightly be proud of.

The construction of the by-pass is a key objective and is supported by the Steering Group and the village as a whole. It will bring much needed relief from the considerable amount of traffic that currently uses the A45 and will also enable the town of Daventry to develop to its full potential in the most sustainable way.

Please show your support by writing to NCC in support of its planning application.