

## What Neighbourhood Planning is and how it can help Swanley to be a better place

### WHAT A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CAN DO FOR SWANLEY

Supported by clear evidence to underpin its policies and proposals it can plan for the future by:

- ✓ Allocating sites for development of most kinds – housing employment, leisure etc.
- ✓ Influencing the way land and buildings can be developed and the way they look (types of uses, what they should be built from, and their layout, height and so on).
- ✓ Protect places and buildings that are agreed as important.
- ✓ Suggest improvements to public and green spaces, infrastructure (provision of land and buildings for roads, schools, health facilities).
- ✓ Require green measures as part of developments of land and buildings to preserve or generate energy, save water, reduce air pollution.

### WHAT A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CANNOT DO FOR SWANLEY

- ✗ Influence the amount of dog poo and litter.
- ✗ Improve services such as social care, refuse collections, grass cutting and street light maintenance.
- ✗ It cannot set speed limits.
- ✗ Increase the number and timing of trains and buses.
- ✗ It cannot force development of land and building to happen – that depends on land owners and developers.
- ✗ It cannot control development of land and buildings that do not need planning permission (some building work can be done and uses of buildings and land can be transferred to other uses without planning permission).