



*As Chairman of the Planning Committee, I am pleased to introduce to you the District-Wide Local Plan for Hambleton. This is of great importance to the future of the area and in one way or another will affect all of us.*

*The Plan has been prepared following consultation with local people. This showed that many people support its vision for the future of the District, in particular the high priority it gives to the conservation and protection of the District's environment; this support is greatly valued.*

*The policies of the Plan will be used by the Council to guide its decisions on planning applications. As an adopted Plan, it will be a very important consideration.*

*The Council is keen to ensure that the Plan remains up-to-date and relevant. Emphasis will be placed on monitoring the progress of the Plan's proposals and measuring how successful and effective it is. Your views on the Plan are welcomed at any time.*

*It is intended to amend the Plan from time to time to take account of changes in Government advice and other guidance as well as the results of monitoring, to ensure policies remain focused towards achieving the Plan's objectives.*

*Chairman of Planning Committee.*

