

# THE CONSULTATION - What is it?

- In 2004 The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) published a paper "Community Involvement in Planning" that set down and identified the importance of greater community involvement in planning.
- The Localism Bill was introduced to Parliament on 13th December 2010. The Bill seeks to shift power from Central Government to the hands of individuals, communities and councils.
  - *The Government believes local communities should have genuine opportunities to influence where people should live.*
  - *Neighbourhood planning allows people to come together to say where new houses should be built, and what they should look like.*
- This Consultation Exercise is taking place following the carrying out of a Housing Needs Study in 2010 that involved the community, and which has identified some clear support for appropriate new housing in Ampfield.
- The Consultation is being conducted on behalf of The Perbury Group, but in Consultation with Test Valley Borough Council and Ampfield Parish Council, and seeks to achieve community views on:-
  - The type of new housing needed.
  - The potential of available sites for new housing.
  - The merits of the Morley's Green site for new housing.

