

# From the Chairman of Lower Heyford Parish Council

**SAY 'NO' TO GREAT HEYFORD : Newsletter # 3**

**25 October 2017**

As promised, although a little later than I may have envisaged back in June 2016, I am pleased to report that the prospect of Great Heyford now appears to have disappeared.

Since the last newsletter # 2 dated 20 June 2016 the following has occurred:

1. Cherwell District Council received some 128 plans that they had to review;
2. They have found in favour of a scheme in the Kidlington area.

Although we have not been officially advised that the 'Great Heyford' scheme has been dropped I am as confident as I can be that that will be the case in the not too distant future.

Meanwhile I would remind you all that the Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan process has been ticking away in the background and it is believed that this will be put out to a local referendum shortly. Provided it is accepted at that stage it will effectively pass into planning law.

Accordingly we remain of the view that our best defence against such schemes as 'Great Heyford' will be the Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan. So we encourage you to support the Plan and when the referendum is held to approve we give it our resounding support. Further details can be found at: <http://www.mid-cherwell.org.uk/>

The only positive that has come to me from the whole sorry saga was that it was immensely pleasing to see the entire community so totally united against this iniquitous, inappropriate and unacceptable scheme.

Therefore, finally, I would like to thank all of those who played their part during 2016 when the threat of Great Heyford loomed over the villages as well as all those who pledged support to the team to oppose it.

**James Macnamara**