

### **Government Planning Reforms - have your say!**

The Government is currently consulting on a major shake up to the planning system that would see:

- The introduction of nationally-imposed housing targets
- An increase in housing numbers in the south-east, but a fall in other parts of the country
- A significant reduction in local involvement - Community engagement would be largely restricted to the Local Plan making stage (as it stands, just one six-week consultation), with the public thereafter losing their ability to scrutinise most individual planning applications.

Countryside campaigners CPRE Oxfordshire are concerned about the impact these changes will have on our rural county. You can read more about the issues on their website at [www.cpreoxon.org.uk](http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk)

The Government's White Paper - Planning for the Future - is out for consultation until 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020, but the debate will continue thereafter so there is still time to share your views with your local MP.