So what is an NDP?

Well, in brief, our Neighbourhood Development Plan provides the opportunity for Keynsham residents and emplyees to identify what they want Keynsham 'to be' for the next 15-20 years.

So what can our community have an effect upon? Isn't it all decided by BANES?

Well yes, BANES Council have a considerable say at present, but our own Neighbourhood Development Plan will mean that all future planning issues should be in 'accordance' with our own local plan unless significant 'material considerations' dictate otherwise.

Isn't Keynsham just growing and growing?

Yes it is, there's no denying that Keynsham has had a great deal of housing imposed upon it but it's our job now to ensure that we deal with this growth and change in a productive way.

Haven't we already got good community groups?

We have fantastic groups that win prestigious awards: Keynsham Wombles, Churches Together, The Music Festival and projects, Keynsham in Bloom, Twinning Association, Groups for young people including TimeOut, Scouts, @One, KeynshamNow, not forgetting our amazing sports ans leisure clubs and associations.

So what are the area we can have an effect on?

Some of the key areas could be:

Roads, Transport & Parking
Business, Employment & Economic Growth
Heritage, Development, Tourisim and Marketing
Sustainability, Environmental & Ecological Issures
Recreation, Leisure and Sport
Cultural Development
Health, Wellbeing & Community Education

Cor, that flippin' traffic gets right on my pip! Can I get involved?

Absolutely you can, but remember, this isn't a moaning forum. This is a group for people with ideas: ways of improving our town now and in the future.

Yes, but you'll be looking for experts surely?

Not necessarily, what we want is enthusiasm and a love of Keynsham. If you do have particular skills like IT, business knowledge, accountancy or anything that could successfully 'enable' the groups, that would be fantastic!

Where do we sign up?

Get in touch with Keynsham Town Council for details, telephone 0117 9868683 or visit ndp@keynsham-tc.gov.uk