

## **Keyworth Parish Council**

### **Planning Considerations Policy**

For some time Keyworth Parish Council has been concerned over the number of homes being built in existing house gardens. This is known in planning circles as 'infilling'. The Council recognises that home owners are entitled to sell off land for development, however it is felt that such developments are now starting to impinge on the perceived rural nature of the village. Keyworth has always been thought of as a village and the Council is keen for this to continue.

The building of homes on garden land infills valuable space between existing houses and thus alters a road's open rural aspect into more of an urban one, resulting in a row of continuous housing with little open space between them. Not only this, but in building on previous garden land we are losing valuable natural environment such as trees, bushes and hedgerows, this of course has the knock-on effect of destroying the important habitat of birds, hedgehogs and other local wildlife. Also building on gardens reduces the ability of rain to soak away into the ground and thus increases the future possibility of flooding. A lot of these new homes (as well as some existing ones) replace the existing boundary hedges with walls or wooden fencing, this again detracts from the rural aspect of our village.

It is felt that with all the new housing being built around the village at various locations we now have enough housing stock to satisfy our needs, therefore Keyworth Parish Council is adopting a Policy of discouraging the building of homes in existing gardens.