

## Thoughts about Neffies's becoming

During the last decade, almost all the villages of our beautiful region have followed a process of economic and tourism developments with the demographic expansion that everyone can see in the area and specially in surrounding municipalities.

Roujan or Caux have doubled their population, Margon has tripled, other villages are not left out. You just have to go for a ride on the side of Laurens, Magalas, Murviel or St Genies to understand the measure of the considerable work which has been undertaken in those villages that have become small towns. This specific dynamism belongs to the entire region.

Not surprising. Our area is very famous for Northern Europeans and the English who settled there to enjoy at home a pleasant climate, proximity to the sea and the countryside, a rare landscape diversity with a lot of wonderful point of views changing along the seasons, that you can discover during pleasant and varied walks. The region is rich in artistic events, music, shows and "what's up" events.

France is the most visited country in the world, and we will see for a long time newcomers who will choose our region to establish their main home. The Riviera of azure coast becomes too expensive, saturated and out of fashion, but our region is still very affordable for foreigners, many of them, sometimes retirees, wine and art lovers, wishing to benefit from the proximity and quality health services and many leisure available locally.

This migration will continue. The population will increase throughout the region and infrastructure will follow in the villages that will adapt. Thus, we saw in Roujan since 2010, in less than five years, several buildings like a supermarket, a medical center, a commercial area, a college and hundreds of homes already built or on the way to be.

In Fontes, a new elderly nursing home was created, there is a new "caveau" in the wine cooperative, a pharmacy. In Neffies a proposed senior residences, unanimously allowed by the municipality was announced to the public, the revision of the urban plan, required for this project "Senioriales" was decided and now a new coherent urban project Southern Neffies is under consideration and has been proposed to the municipality in September.

Neffies, which backs onto the north side relief and located on the edge of the active areas, vital orientation of the village to the south will gradually transforming the village, partly, satellite dormitory village near Roujan, only two minutes drive from the south side of Neffies.

Most of the inhabitants of Neffies are taking daily the road to Roujan or Caux, whether to go to work or shopping, go to college or high school, to go to health centers, pharmacies, to go to the bank or post office, we must go first to Roujan and possibly then Pézenas and Béziers.

For obvious practical reasons the south side of Neffies will be privileged, especially if you can avoid crossing part of the village, with donkey backs, hazardous intersections, street narrowings and parking problems and traffic especially at school time or garbage collecting. Crossing Neffies became less straightforward to the point that some residents prefer to take Fontes road and then borrow the paths between vines to shorten Neffies exit .

The new coherent urban development project in southern Neffies will try to solve those problems and satisfy the needs of the entire population, for those who wish to live in peace in the heart of the village, with reduced traffic, and more parking, and also for those who prefer to live on the south side of Neffies, located closer to their needs and activities and ready to be well organized. Everyone should find his account.