

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024



## Who we are

The NP Steering Group is an independent group of parishioners currently comprising:

Chair - Richard Edwards

Vice Chair – John Miller

Treasurer - Gary Sheppard

Secretary – Robert Goard

Members: Mike Harrison, Nick Davies, Gill Cox, Peter Johnson.

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Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7 pm at Emmaus Church, Severn Beach.

## Shaping the future of our local area

**An opportunity for residents to influence planning policy including:**

How many new homes and where to build them

Areas for parking, transport, cycle ways and footpaths

Space for retail, office and community buildings

What new buildings should look like

Protecting and increasing green and recreation spaces

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## News:

### Local Plan Consultation:

The Steering Group has formally submitted its comments on the draft Local Plan through the SGC consultation website. Additionally, we've contacted Chris Wilmore, Jack Lopresti and Matthew Riddle to identify to them where we consider the LP could undermine the efforts of the NP and may not be in the best interests of the Parish.

We were delighted to have ten guests at our last meeting. We believe the interest was largely due to the consultation on the Local Plan. We took time to explain the background to the meeting's topics, the relationship with the Local Plan and to answer questions.

### Flood Risk:

We still await from the Environment Agency, their re-modelled 100 year flood risk data. This is needed to complete the required Sequential Test and to prepare Exception Tests, which we hope will make the case for some new build to be delivered safely within the Parish. The information was expected at the end of February and until it is received, will unfortunately cause delay in completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### Evaluation of Sites:

An owner of land at New Passage is now prepared to consider making land available for car parking. This has been passed to the Parish Council, to investigate with SGC, how this could be delivered. Further options for parking provision at Promenade Gardens and Shaft Road are also to be investigated by the Parish Council and SGC.

SGC has made available the original draft plans for St Peter's School which included options for access from Cross Hands Road. These will be evaluated for addressing improved access to the playing field.

