

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023



News:

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.

Contact us via
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Next meeting 14th November, 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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Neighbourhood Plan Funding:

We've finally received our grant funding and have commissioned the important work described below. We believe this delay has caused a 5-month slip in our plan meaning the NP will be completed towards the end of 2024. However, we understand we're still a year ahead of completion of SGC's Local Plan.

Flood Risk and Green Belt:

Consultants have started work on these areas of work. For flooding the aim is to produce a Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the Parish to determine what will be needed to allow any new housing to be built. The Green Belt study will identify other successful case histories and the methodology to be used in conjunction with the Local Plan for releasing land, where required, from the Green Belt.

Identification of Sites:

Having now confirmed the availability of all potential sites with landowners, we've agreed on a list of sites to be nominated for the next stage of evaluation and studies. This doesn't mean they will happen, but will allow things like flood risk, and environmental and habitat studies to be focused to where they may apply.

Planning Applications:

We continue to review new planning applications which are relevant to the NP at our meetings. We've lodged an objection to the application for services at the M49 junction as it makes no provision for HGVs and is inappropriate whilst there is no provision for a truck stop. Western Approach needs a truck stop for parking and welfare facilities for HGV drivers at the motorway junction.

