

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



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, Peter Johnson.

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Next meeting 13th May, 7pm at Emmaus Church, Severn Beach.

Objectives and Policies of the NP likely to include:

Allocation of sites for 246 homes to be built in the Parish to 2035, of which 35% shall be 'affordable'.

Allocation of site for up to 41 units of extra care accommodation.

Sites for parking relief at SB railway station and along the coastal path.

Sites for retail including pub/bar and takeaway.

Creating opportunities to improve local amenities through increased CIL funding.

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Flood Risk:

A progress report from consultants JBA, who are preparing our Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA), has advised the work is progressing well. They are waiting for the Environment Agency (EA) to clarify the approach on surface water which is delayed because the release of new national mapping is incomplete. They are also waiting on some flood history and other information from South Glos Council (SGC) and the Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board (LSIDB). JBA anticipates having the first draft of the SFRA ready by 25th April.

Car Parking:

The Steering Group attended a Teams meeting with SGC and our Ward Councillor to discuss how we can gain support and funding from SGC for car parking proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Although we have evidence of need from the residents' survey of 2021/22, we are expected to provide data on usage of the existing roadside parking. So, we plan to carry out regular surveys in the central area of Severn Beach and at the end of New Passage over the coming weeks.

Planning Enforcement:

We attended with the Parish Council and our Ward Councillor, a meeting with SGC Planning Enforcement. This provided a clearer understanding of their stance and the parish's concerns on a number of sites around the Parish. However, SGC were constrained in conversations for certain sites and advised they can't take action on sites where planning applications are currently in consideration.

The Steering Group is currently preparing objections to a number of planning applications that we consider conflict with the NP objectives.

