### PILNING & SEVERN BEACH

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023



#### 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.

Contact us via <u>neighbourhoodplan@pilningsevernbeach</u> <u>-pc.gov.uk</u> or call 01454 632170.

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December, 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:

#### **Steering Group Membership:**

We welcome Peter Johnson as a new member to the team. He's regularly attended our meetings and helped out at our public presentations in the past.

#### **Green Belt:**

A Green Belt Review report prepared by Vision Planning and an Exceptional Circumstances report produced by the Steering Group, make the case for amending the Green Belt in Pilning. This will be presented to SGC soon.

#### Flood Risk:

This has proven a little more difficult to move forward, in finding the right consultant and at a cost we can afford. We've gone back to Locality to secure more funding and are progressing our own work with a Sequential Test and obtaining flood information on potential sites from the EA.

#### **Identification and Evaluation of Sites:**

The list of potential sites and how they may be taken forward continues to change as we ask owners how their sites may be developed. A new potential site for housing has emerged at Pilning Forge as an alternative option to the current application for 9 industrial units. Talks with the owner of the cleared land on the corner of Northwick Road and Bank Road, has resulted in the possibility of the land being available for development along with other land behind the surgery. A call for sites form has been received.

#### **Planning Applications:**

We were pleased to see the truck stop application opposite Severnwood Gardens was refused. For Pilning Forge an objection was raised by the group based on insufficient parking spaces and protection of the footpath.

