

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER AUGUST 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.

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Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September, 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 are relieved to be able to say that the availability of Government funding to support neighbourhood plans for this financial year was announced at the end of July. This has caused some delay to our programme, but means we should now be able to make good progress once more.

### Flood Risk and Green Belt:

All the identified potential sites fall into Flood Zone 3, where getting agreement with relevant authorities for new housing development may be challenging. Additionally, most of the potential sites in Pilning are currently located in the Green Belt. An agreement with South Gloucester Council will be necessary for these to be released, to allow any housing development there to progress. Now funding is available, we are going out to consultants to get professional help in producing technical reports to present how the mitigation of flood risk and removal of land from the Green Belt will be justified in the Neighbourhood Plan.

### Steering Group Meetings:

At our July meeting we were pleased to elect John Miller as our Vice Chair. John has worked on the Steering Groups since it started in January 2021 and has wealth of local knowledge. We were pleased to welcome ten residents as guests to the meeting. This gave a firsthand opportunity to see the workings of the Steering Group and to have questions answered. Guests also met new Ward Councillor, Simon Johnson, who attended the meeting.

A reminder that our next meeting date is always publicised in these newsletters, and they are open to anyone to attend. We still have room on the Steering Group for new members if you would like to be more involved.

