

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> February, 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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### Recent Progress:

We'll have an important meeting with SGC at the end of January and have paused any request for additional funding until the new financial year. Otherwise, there's little to report from over the festive period, so this is little to report from over the festive period, so this is an opportunity to summarise the Group's achievements to-date.

- Housing Needs Assessment completed, identifying that 246 new dwellings and up to 41 units of extra care homes are needed up to 2035.
- Survey issued to all residents. Results support the housing need and provides evidence to direct the NP.
- Local businesses, groups and organisations surveyed, providing further confirmation/ evidence of Parish needs.
- Character assessments completed for all of the Parish
- Design Codes and Guidelines study completed
- Draft objectives and policies prepared and published
- Call for sites issued and list of potential sites developed from this and other sources
- Sites evaluated for suitability and availability, giving a shortlist of sites with potential for housing, care accommodation, retail and car parking
- Reports prepared to make the case and identify the exceptional circumstances for removal of some land from the Green Belt in Pilning
- Parish based Sequential Test for flood risk prepared

### Challenges ahead for the NP include:

We must: obtain agreements for removing land from Green Belt and adequately addressing flood risk; go out to and address any issues raised in Regulation 14 consultation; pass independent inspection, receive support from a majority of residents in a public referendum.

