

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 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, Peter Johnson.

Contact us via
neighbourhoodplan@pilningsevernbeach-pc.gov.uk or call 01454 632170.

Next meeting 16th January, 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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Green Belt:

The completed Green Belt Review and Exceptional Circumstances reports have been sent to SGC. We are awaiting a date for a meeting with them to discuss this and other matters including flooding and potential sites. In SGC's new draft Local Plan, we are pleased to see our NP is recognised, having its own paragraph. Swanmoor Stoke, 3,000 new homes on the edge of the Parish, isn't supported.

Flood Risk:

We have received flood information on potential sites requested from the EA, which allowed us to complete the Parish-based Sequential Test. Additional funding from Locality to pay for work by flooding consultants is now available to us.

Identification and Evaluation of Sites:

Information on potential sites and how they may be taken forward continues to emerge and will be included in consultation in the New Year.

Planning Applications:

Steering Group members attended and commented at the public consultation for a solar farm development at Cattybrook Farm. Around 1/3 of the development would be in our parish, sited on prime grazing land, with access for construction and maintenance through Rookery Lane.

M49 Link Road:

The planning application for this has been approved. This will allow the land acquisition to be completed hopefully now without compulsory purchase orders. If so construction will start around April and will take 12 months to complete.

2024:

We wish residents a Happy New year and hope we continue to have your support in what should be the NP's final year.

