

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024



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 19th March, 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 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) had a meeting with Patrick Conroy of South Gloucestershire Council on the 25th of January following our preparation of a draft Green Belt Policy Paper and the production of a Green Belt review document.

SGC remain committed to supporting the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and helping the Group find constructive ways to meet the housing needs of the Parish. The NPSG also commissioned a report that details the exceptional circumstances that it believes exist to justify amendments to the current Green Belt boundaries.

All these documents are currently being reviewed and assessed by SGC so that they can be included as part of the NP.

Flood Risk:

Again, members of the NPSG have been working hard to both understand and mitigate potential flood risk issues within the Parish to support future housing development that has been identified in both the Housing Needs Assessment and Parish Survey that were undertaken in 2021. Copies of these and other documents can be found at <https://www.psbpc.co.uk/npsg-documents>

This resulted in a draft Flood Risk Assessment being developed and a meeting with the Environment Agency at the end of January. We have agreed with them that an Exception Test for each village will be produced as soon as the latest flood modelling data is available. This is expected next month and will reflect the protection afforded by the improved defenses, and the Exception Test will demonstrate whether sites can be developed safely without increasing flood risk to others which is a key planning test.

SGC Local Plan:

The deadline to comment on the SGC new Local Plan has passed however, residents can find details of South Gloucestershire's draft proposals by visiting <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/new-local-plan/>

The NPSG were disappointed that SGC have not identified the need for limited new housing development within our Parish, but the draft New Local Plan does identify that the Parish is in the process of producing its' Neighbourhood Plan and the importance of this to the area.

A copy of the NPSG full response to the consultation can be found on the NPSG website.

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