NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025



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 15th July, 7pm at Emmaus Church, Severn Beach.

Objectives and Policies of the NP likely to include:

Allocation of sites for 246 homes to be built in the Parish to 2035, of which 35% shall be 'affordable'.

Allocation of site for up to 41 units of extra care accommodation.

Sites for parking relief at SB railway station and along the coastal path.

Sites for retail including pub/bar and takeaway.

Creating opportunities to improve local amenities through increased CIL funding.

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M49 Junction Link Road

The Steering Group likes to keep residents informed of things we learn from our interactions with different parties. Last month we'd been advised that the land deals for this were complete and site mobilisation would be at the end of May. Into the second week of June, there is no mobilisation and there has been no response to our emails to SGC. A strong rumour is that land deals are not all done and the start is delayed until August. The page on the project on SGC's website has not been updated since March 2024! Come on SGC, communicate and deliver.

Flood Risk:

Frustratingly, we have not yet managed to get consultants JBA to fully respond and address our comments on the draft of the Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). We have always said the Neighbourhood Plan may be subject to delays especially as we rely on others to complete work for us, and that continues to be the case. Hopefully this will be concluded in a matter of days and we'll be on to the next phase of work with AECOM to complete the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and the Site Evaluation Study.

Planning Applications:

There were no relevant planning applications for us to review at our May meeting, but we will be considering commenting on the miniature railway application at our June meeting. Our survey back in 2022 identified residents' wishes for more retail (shops, pub, takeaway, etc.) and more clubs and things to do. It's great to see we already have a new shop, Libby's Allsorts, opened recently in Severn Beach. We do hope the public will support the shop as well as other initiatives that may come from within the Neighbourhood Plan or from elsewhere, which will help the sustainability and appeal of our residential community.

