

Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group – Report to the Parish Council.

for the meeting of July 4th, 2019

The group met on June 10th & 24th.

The initial funding has been received.

The technical support package (Site Assessment) has been agreed and is being progressed. Representatives from AECOM are visiting on Monday July 8th to visit potential sites.

Ideas to feed into the PC policy on how and when to engage with developers has been drafted.

The group both collectively, and within a working party, has been considering the objectives that will be brought together and will influence the direction of the NP, and the related NP policies.

This will be the basis of a residents' consultation, provisionally planned to include a leaflet delivered to all residents' homes, online information and opportunity to comment, and a 'drop in event' planned for Aug 10th at St Wilfrid's.

Particular matters that may impact on the NP process are

- 1 The response and decisions of the new CDC Council to the Local Plan consultation.
- 2 Concerns about the Southern Water sewage treatment performance and capability, as reported in the press.
- 3 Whether or not the protection of European designated sites under EU Environmental legislation from Nitrate ingress that appears to be impacting on major development plans in Hampshire, applies to Chichester Harbour AONB European designated sites.

There is nothing further to report on the topic of the Register of Interests. Each meeting of the Steering Group starts with members being asked if they have an interest to declare. As per my last monthly report, a suggestion was made that a register of interests should be maintained, made up of declarations for each member of the committee, mirroring the Parish Councillor's personal declarations. Members of the Steering Group were not convinced that this was necessary. It was felt to be an intrusion into members' privacy. It was decided that since the steering group is a Parish Council sponsored advisory committee, the Council should decide if it wanted to press this matter.

The next Steering Group meeting is planned for July 8th.

Stephen Johnson
June 28th 2019