

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

for the meeting of Aug 1st, 2019

The group met on July 8th, with Tim Guymer (CDC) present.

TG said that, with the election of new Councillors, and the work undertaken to consider the results of the consultation, and unforeseen issues, the Local Plan would be delayed, and the new version was expected towards the end of the year. Two related but unforeseen issues are Nitrate ingress resulting from development and its impact on European designated sites and secondly, waste water treatment capacity and performance. If there is any change to the required housing numbers, we are unlikely to be informed before early in the new year. Accordingly we should proceed to plan on the basis of the existing housing numbers.

Representatives from AECOM visited on Monday July 8th to visit the parish and the potential development sites, as part of the Technical Assessment. Their report would normally take 12 weeks but we are hoping this will be done sooner. A preliminary report is expected in the first half of August. We will be expected to comment by the end of August.

We are in the process of applying for a design code package from AECOM.

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

A residents' consultation to include a leaflet delivered to all residents' homes, online information and opportunity to comment, and a 'drop in event' is now planned for September 14th at the Village Hall from 2pm – 5pm.

A planning application has been submitted (ref 19/01595/FUL) to widen the access to the Cox's Farm site.

The next Steering Group meeting is planned for July 29th.

Stephen Johnson
July 25th 2019