

SSJ Neighbourhood Plan
Bimonthly Report to SSJ Parish Council
January 2015

1. General

Work continues in connection with the Evidence Base, some Infrastructure documentation remains outstanding for completion.

A year-long Wildlife Map Study has started.

The Housing Needs Survey Report has been received from Action Hampshire.

The Neighbourhood Plan Website is generally up to date.

The Questionnaire results have been collated and an initial analysis has been made and circulated to Steering Group members.

Discussions with potential housing developers have been held

A Workshop has been organised for Wednesday 28th January.

2. Steering Group

1. There is no change to the Steering Group – but, as always, additional members and support is appreciated.
2. A further two meetings have been held (eleven in total) – the latest on 15nd Jan.
3. Next meeting (provisional) Thursday 5th March (6.30pm – The Old Post Office, SSJ)
4. Further meetings will be monthly but have not yet been fixed.

3. Evidence Base

1. The Neighbourhood Plan Base Summary still requires loading onto the website.
2. The Wildlife Map started on 01.01 15.
Primary responsibility has been delegated (with thanks):
Mr and Mrs C Cooke – Birds
Mr N Montegriffo – Moths & Butterflies
Mr M Harrison - Fungi
3. The Evidence Base Toolkit still has some gaps – ie Infrastructure.

4. Organisation Questionnaire

1. The Organisation Questionnaire has been reviewed and shows a lack of ‘burning’ issues in the Community with respect to Organisations/ Business. This is confirmed by the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire.

5. Housing Needs Survey

1. The final Housing Needs Survey Report was received from Action Hampshire and reviewed.
2. It confirms a requirement for a development of 10-12 affordable houses on a mixed rented / shared ownership basis. A small development of affordable houses is supported by 74% of survey respondents.
3. Following review by BDBC, there is a suggestion that the Affordable housing might be included as part of the current Phase II Marnel Park development of 450 houses (in the Parish but not in the Village).

6. Call for Sites

1. Draft Local Plan – BDBC has confirmed that the minimum development size of 5 houses is an HCC requirement and cannot be changed. A number of proposed sites can no longer be considered under the Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Meetings have been held with 3 potential Developers, and Meeting Notes circulated. Developers have been invited to present at the 14th March Event: –
 - i. Rydon Homes (2 sites: behind Cranesfield and South of Cranes Rd)
 - ii. Pro-Vision (Bob’s Farm)
 - iii. Mr H.Hatt (A340, behind 14 Aldermaston Rd)

7. Questionnaire

1. The responses have been collated on a bespoke Survey Monkey database. An initial analysis has been made and circulated – for discussion at the 28th January Workshop and subsequent feedback at the 14th March (10am – 2pm, SSJ Village Hall).

8. Programme/ Progress

1. There is no further slippage to the programme.

9. Workshop 28th January

1. Alex Munro will facilitate the Workshop to be held at the Chute Pavilion, SSJ – starting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28th January.
2. The workshop will
 - i. review the Questionnaire
 - ii. review Housing Options
 - iii. finalise the Report to BDBC re HRA/SEA Screening
 - iv. develop N Plan Options (Policies)
 - v. outline plans for the Feedback and Consultation Event (14th March).

10. Budget

1. Costs during the period: tbc
2. Total Costs to date: tbc (£6975 (£4657 for consultants, £720 Administrator & £1299 +£299 general admin) to November)
3. Penny Mayo has secured the final tranche of support funding.

J Crawley
Chairman

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