

**SSJ Neighbourhood Plan  
Bimonthly Report to SSJ Parish Council  
January 2016**

1. General

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is complete, with the exception of the (SSJPC) Chairman's Foreword, and has been circulated to the PC and all Steering Group members.

The supporting documentation is complete, with the exception of the Local Green Space Policy Assessments.

The year-long Wildlife Map Study continues to gather considerable data.

BDBC has issued its updated Screening Report dated January 2016.

Alex Munro has terminated his position as consultant to SSJ Neighbourhood Plan (he has accepted a full-time salaried position with a firm of planning consultants). He has been replaced by Mr Brian Wilson; Brian has reviewed the latest documents.

2. Steering Group

1. There is no change to the Steering Group.
2. Further meetings have been held – the latest on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.
3. The next meeting is scheduled for **7pm Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** (please note revised date).

3. Evidence Base

1. Baseline Report + Appendices are virtually complete.
2. The Local Green Space Policy Assessments are out-standing.
3. The Wildlife Map Study continues – led by Mike Harrison.

4. BDBC / Screening Report

BDBC has issued its updated Screening Report dated January 2016, following consultation with Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England, which concludes that neither a Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment nor a Habitats Regulation Assessment is required. BDBC notes that *'the Plan might need rescreening if its proposals materially change (for example, through the identification of a new site)'*.

BDBC has requested site of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for 2 week's informal review prior to Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation; Matt Melville (BDBC) has been very helpful and is 'standing by'.

5. A340/Cranes Rd Development

The developer is interested in progressing the A340/Cranes Rd development site. They have been provided with the latest programme (see below) and appraised of the process to completion (eg approval by referendum).

6. Programme/ Progress

See attached programme (time-line at 11.01.16) – this indicates final completion at the end of 2016.

The draft is ready for submission to BDBC for informal review.

7. Website.

The proposed (new) website must be in place by the time the Reg.14 Statutory Consultation starts – programmed for mid February.

8. Budget – to be updated

1. Total Costs to date: £ (£11024 for consultants, £ 1455 Administrator & £ 3055 General Admin )

2. Further funding has been largely allocated / spent. Outstanding cost liability to SSJPC should be limited to the Reg.14 Statutory Consultation; thereafter BDBC will provide financial support to the process.

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Chairman

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