

**STEWKLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TEAM
May 2017 REPORT.**

Headings	Notes
Working Groups progress	Housing Group will very shortly be recommending to NPSG the sites considered worthy of inclusion in the NP for future development over the next 5, 10 & 15years. The Green & Open Spaces Report is virtually complete. Copies of Pro Forma containing 162 comments on draft policies & recommendations have been supplied to all relevant Chairman & we await their decision whether changes are necessary in the light of the consultation.
Chairmans' comments	The flow of comments on both sites and policies was maintained right up to the consultation closing date of 15 th April. A total of 747 comments were received on the sites .I would like to acknowledge in particular the work completed by Steve Nichol in his collation of comments and preparation of spreadsheets. A chart reflecting the number of favourable and unfavourable decisions per site has been published on the Parish Council Web Page and also to each of the landowners. A further spread sheet containing individual comments has been produced and initially supplied to the Housing Group for their consideration. In the interest of data protection information on the identity of those making comments is being kept confidential. The Grapevine will in the next edition publish a summary of the result of public consultation. The membership of the NPSG has now been brought up to strength with two additional new members.
Things to be completed next month	For the purpose of drafting the Plan a series of diary dates with Paul Jobson is currently being arranged. The main task will be the NPSG considering the recommendations of the Housing Group and advising the Parish Council on the sites to be included in the plan. Then for the Parish Council to make their decision. SEA to be commenced once final location of new development sites is agreed
Issues raised by working groups	Other than locations of future housing developments the only real controversial issue is that of C&H Policy 1 open space. Public consultation produced 28 responses agreeing with the policy and 8 opposed. The church may be seeking legal advice on the legality of this draft policy.
Actions/Decisions required	Once Parish Council determine sites for development complete the SEA for these.. Parish Council to respond to AVDC on issues of Infrastructure resulting from Neighbourhood Plan by 12.5.17 When decision on sites has been finally agreed correspond with all Site Owners. Then consider meetings with owner/developers of land selected to agree number & type of new homes per site.
Budget required	

Neil Dickens - Chairman of Neighbourhood Planning Team – 25th April 2017.