

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

Headings	Notes
Working Groups progress	<p>The consultation Survey within the Parish to establish preferred number of sites to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan produced a total of 190 responses. From this it was clear 68% of the respondees supported housing growth in the Parish. The largest proportion selecting Option 3 - 150 new homes. The NPSG recommends to the Parish Council this is the Option included in the Stewkley Neighbourhood Plan for additional housing over the next 5, 10 &amp; 15years.</p> <p>Currently all NP draft Policies &amp; Recommendations are being reviewed by Councillors following which they will go to the Working Group Leaders where necessary for the updating of their reports.</p> <p>In consultation with Chair of HELP the templates provided by the consultant Paul Jobson have been completed for each of the thirteen sites and will be returned to Paul next week.</p>
Chairmans' comments	<p>A useful meeting was held with the Agents for Site 15 Soulbury Road and it is recommended ideally this liaison will continue with the developer when known. This is unlikely to be before summer 2018. As the sale has now been completed I have requested a similar liaison with owners, developer for site 12 Cricketers as I feel it will be in mutual interest to all, response is awaited. Agents for site 20 Wing Road are still minded to seek agreement for additional new homes of this site rather than that proposed by the draft plan.</p>
Things to be completed next month	<p>Meeting with AVDC Planners to discuss our proposals for the 13 NP Sites</p> <p>Forward Site Templates to Consultant who suggests we could receive a first draft of the Plan before Christmas.</p> <p>Forward SEA Scoping Report to Statutory Bodies who will have 28days to reply.</p> <p>Obtain quote from qualified person to prepare the final SEA</p>
Issues raised by working groups	<p>Nothing to Report.</p>
Actions/Decisions required	<p><b>Parish Council to approve recommendation of NPSG that Option 3 150 New Homes be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.</b> For information the current number suggested from the 13 sites amounts to 145. However, I suggest we can anticipate AVDC will reject some sites and may look for more new homes on others.</p>

Neil Dickens - Chairman of Neighbourhood Planning Team – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.