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**TO:** STEWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**FROM:** NEIL DICKENS – CHAIRMAN STEWKLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**SUBJECT:** MARCH 2019 REPORT

**DATE:** 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019.

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The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are now in the final stages of completing the initial consultation copy of the Stewkley Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

A copy of the proposed plan in February was seen and commented on by Paul Jobson, the independent Consultation. His comments have been limited, constructive and bring to attention a few issues for updating or amendment.

A further copy of the proposed plan was provided to an experienced local resident who has assisted in the past. Although a reminder was sent unfortunately no response has been received to date.

Where necessary previous NP Working Group Reports published on the Parish Council Web Site require updating. Whilst some of these are now complete the Village Amenities and Nursery School - Education Reports still await responses from particular interested parties. The respective Chair Persons have been chasing up replies and it is hoped the information will be provided within a week or so.

We seek to avoid further delay and aim to be in a position for the Parish Council to submit the proposed NP to AVDC in March.

Parish Councilors will be aware the Carpenters Arms Public House is yet again up for Lease as it is understood the owners are not satisfied with the current turnover of trade in their licensed premises. As this establishment is classed as a Village Asset it is recommended close watch will need to be kept of its future.

Neil Dickens. Chair, NPSG