



TO: STEWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FROM: NEIL DICKENS – CHAIRMAN STEWKLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SUBJECT: APRIL 2019 REPORT

DATE: 26TH MARCH 2019.

Last month I was optimistic the draft Neighbourhood Plan would be ready in March to be forwarded to AVDC for their observations and comments.

Whilst Janette Eustace and I have worked hard to complete the final corrections, contradictions and alterations this has proved very difficult to achieve. Some proposed policies have needed amendment to produce the evidence to support the policy. Others could be construed to contradict recommendations being made. Most have now been addressed, although there are one or two that need NPSG decisions. The latest edition of the draft plan will be distributed to members of the Steering Group, together with the items requiring their decision by Monday 1st April. The Steering Group will be meeting on Wednesday 3rd April following which the Plan will be finally updated and forwarded to AVDC. It will not go out for Public Consultation until any comments from AVDC have been addressed.

The process is frustrating however the SPC members will be aware that legal minds of those representing future developers will look for areas within the Plan that can be challenged, accuracy is essential. We are currently exploring with Paul Jobson whether the cost of preparing the final professionally designed graphic edition is included in the fees already paid. Should that not be the case it will be recommended the final edition as prepared by Janette Eustace will be sufficient for formal submission.

There remains a further document yet to be written and this is the Basic Conditions Statement. Two members of the Steering Group have offered to prepare a paper, however time restraints have hindered any progress with this matter.