

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Report for Stewkley Parish Council 05 August 2019

Stewkley Neighbourhood Plan was available for consultation between July 17 and August 28 2019. Documents available for review and comment were as follows:

- Draft Neighbourhood Plan version May 2019
- Strategic Environmental Assessment version date November 2017
- Consultation report version 26 May 2019
- Site assessment report
- Key open and green spaces report

On-Line consultation

Documents were available to view on the Council website, on a dedicated landing page for the NP consultation (Stewkley.org.uk/np-pre-submission). An on-line comment form was provided and comments entered on line were emailed to stewkleynp@gmail.com

Of the 44 statutory and stakeholder consultees (listed in the consultation document), we received feedback from 7. These were AVDC, Bucks CC, Natural England, National Grid, Thames Water, Anglia Water and St Michael's school.

In addition we received 14 email /on line comments from Stewkley residents and 2 comments from developers.

Google analytics were used to investigate the activity on the website during the consultation period.

There were 448 users during the 6 week period, of whom 403 were new users. Compared to the same period last year, these numbers had increased by ~ 70%.

The majority of users (285) went directly to the NP landing page and most did not move onto another page. The second largest group of users (74) started at the home page and navigated to the NP consultation page.

Village Hall consultation

Printed out copies of all documents were available to read during 10 consultations held in the village hall. Completed comments forms were placed in a sealed box. The consultation dates and times were Tuesday 10am -1pm on June 18, 25, July 2, 9 and 16; Friday 6.30pm – 9.30pm on June 21, 28, July 19; and Sunday 10am to 2pm on June 30 and July 28.

35 people came into the village hall during one of our 10 consultation periods. We were 'open' for consultation for 32 hours.

41 comment forms were completed - but as some people used a form for more than one comment, there are more than 41 comments that will need to be considered.

Friday evening was by far the least popular, with 5 people over 3 sessions. Two Sundays clocked up 14 people, sixteen people visited over 5 Tuesdays. The first and last session recorded 21 people (60%).

Most (> 50%) of the paper comments referenced the draft NP. The SEA, the site assessment report and the Open and Green Spaces report did have comments submitted, confirming that people did look at the supporting information.