

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024



Who we are

The NP Steering Group is an independent group of parishioners currently comprising:

Chair - Richard Edwards

Vice Chair – John Miller

Treasurer - Gary Sheppard

Secretary – Robert Goard

Members: Mike Harrison, Nick Davies, Gill Cox, Peter Johnson.

Contact us via
neighbourhoodplan@pilningsevernbeach-pc.gov.uk or call 01454 632170.

Next meeting 15th October, 7pm at Emmaus Church, Severn Beach.

Objectives and Policies of the NP likely to include:

Allocation of sites for 247 homes to be built in the Parish to 2035, of which 35% shall be 'affordable'.

Allocation of site for up to 41 units of extra care accommodation.

Sites for parking relief at SB railway station and along the coastal path.

Sites for retail including pub/bar and takeaway.

Creating opportunities to improve local amenities through increased CIL funding.

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Flood Risk:

The wait for the re-modelled 100-year flood risk data from the Environment Agency unfortunately continues. We were told in August that the final cycle of re-running the model had taken place and we could have the data as soon as the week commencing 2nd September. But that has passed and no one has been available to provide an update in time for this newsletter.

As a reminder, this data is important, and we can't progress the Neighbourhood Plan without it as the Parish is almost entirely in Flood Zone 3. The calculated flood depths will allow appropriate designs to be determined for different types of development on available sites. If that proves possible, the assessments of sites for suitability can be completed, including detailed environmental and habitat assessments.

Grant Funding:

The Steering Group has now received the available grant funding from Locality for this financial year. Once flooding data is available, this will allow us to engage with experts to complete the Neighbourhood Plan.

Planning Applications:

We continue to review new planning applications to consider whether they conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan or planning policies. We submit as appropriate comments or objections. Recently, a number of decisions have not gone the way we would have wanted, but there have been surprisingly few comments or objections from residents. We would encourage residents to go onto the SGC planning portal to look at applications and express their views. Number might make a difference. A good example could be the plan for a truck stop opposite Severnwood Gardens, which has been re-submitted.

