NEWS from the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP Update

The SPNPSteering Group is reviewing the few responses we received about the content of the Public Meeting held on Thursday 27th April, which took place in the Pavilion. 95 parishioners attended. The Draft Visions, Objectives and Policies, which were displayed through a Power Point presentation, are alsoavailable to be seen on our website: www.seendparishplan.org. Please dovisit the website if you were unable to attend and let us have your views.

There still seems to be a misunderstanding amongst some parishioners about the role of the Steering Group and the aim of creating a Neighbourhood Plan. *It is not the job of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to guide opinion, but to act as researchers collecting the views of Seend parishioners about what sort of development you wish for: that is why it is important you become involved. We are still in the process of gathering that information, which will form the evidence base contained in the Neighbourhood Plan.*

Some of you will have attended the Aster Housing public exhibition, which they organized by rentingthe Community Centrefrom 4-8pm on 17th May, and will have been able to form your own views on their plans.Nevertheless some individuals seem to think that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group should oppose these plans. *That is outside the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan. However once finished and ratified by a positive referendum, the evidence base could be made use of by the Parish Council to fight or modify any development that was counter to the stated wishes as contained within the finalized Plan. It will also serve as the touchstone for the approval of any compliant plan that the Parish wishes to progress.*

You will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about the complex process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan on the website.<u>www.seendparishplan.org</u>The next Committee Meeting will be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. on 29th. June. The meetings are open to all parishioners.

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