

Report of the  
Chair to the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Steering Committee

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Yet again this last month has seen the NP progress in the process towards referendum

### 1) The SEA and the next steps.

- The Final copy of the SEA and scoping report has been sent by Ian McCluskey of AECOM,
- Historic England have still not responded to AECOM re the SEA, Ian McCluskey has completed the report noting their lack of input.

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- Following consultation with Gary Kirk, AECOM, HBBC, and Locality the NVNP Steering Committee recommended the following to the Parish Council, it was passed unanimously.

In the light of the documentation: **SEA and the Neighbourhood Plan – Update and Considerations** that were presented at the joint meeting of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee and meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, we recommend the following course of action.

That:

- there be a targeted SEA consultation lasting no longer than Three weeks
- the consultation would involve all parishioners and related stakeholders.
- the responses from the consultation and the SEA recommendations would be considered when finalising the neighbourhood plan for submission at Regulations 15 and 16.

The Steering committee has moved forward and actioned the following

- The timeline for the consultation has been agreed, the consultation will start on the 11<sup>th</sup> November finishing on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019.
- The outstanding accompanying documentation has been completed by Roger King, these along with the Pre reg 14 NP, the amended post reg 14 NP ( both versions have been referenced in the SEA report ), the Modifications table which is our response to the recommendations made in the SEA, and the SEA and scoping report will be all on the PC website clearly signposted to the NP section, the documents are being put on the site as they are checked etc with the SEA and scoping report being available on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- The Notifications to the parish will be complete by 4<sup>th</sup> November with the majority being complete. The notifications letter has been delivered to all parishioners. Stakeholders, businesses, local groups and Landowners have been either emailed, delivered notifications or sent letters. The notifications are on the parish notice boards and the library has been informed and has a notification.
- We will be placing two hard copies of each of the pre and post NPs plus the SEA and scoping report in the library.
- We have organised Two Drop in sessions at the library for any parishioners who wish to discuss the SEA, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November between 10am and 12 noon.

- Following the Consultation we have arranged a meeting on the Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> review action and responses we receive.
- We will amend the NP as appropriate, when this has been completed we will need to call a Parish council meeting to accept the NP, before we then complete the process to hand the NP over to HBBC

**2) Further communications with NVNP Steering Committee, NV Parish Council and of representatives Bloors re Proposed Development and the Affordable Housing Provision**

- We have received further updates from Kate fell re the points we discussed at the meeting we had with Bloors on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. I forwarded the response to the members of the PC and NP Steering Committee who attended.
- I feel the negotiations will be ongoing with different points and issues being raised as Bloors go through the planning process with the Borough and County council planning committees. It's important to keep fully informed and involved with the process and to this end I sent an email to members of the Parish council and discussed my concerns with the NP committee members that whilst I am Chair of the NP Steering Committee and a Parish councillor I feel that one or more members of the Parish council should take the lead in responding to any ongoing contact and communication with Bloors and or the Borough, County councils with regards to the proposed development.
- I would stress that this will be with the full support of the NP steering Committee to ensure that there is full understanding and knowledge of the concerns and issues that relate to the parish and the NP, we need to ensure that we are kept in the loop and have our say at this crucial time of any decision making prior to the development going forward.
- This will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

Regards Heather Davison ( Chair Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee)