

Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan

11th September 2019

Recommendation to the Parish Council and Steering Committee on how we should proceed in consulting with parishioners and other stakeholders on the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

In the light of the documentation: **SEA and the Neighbourhood Plan – Update and Considerations** to be presented at the joint meeting of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee and meeting on the 11th 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 Process

- Once the SEA has been finalised the consultation process is set in motion
- Applying a similar process to Reg 14, the public are notified, and the SEA is made available, together with a pro-forma for any comments individuals wish to make.
- Within the accompanying correspondence there will be a clarification on the following:
 1. What the SEA is and why it was commissioned.
 2. How it relates to previous NP consultation and Reg 14
 3. What will be done with any comments (see final bullet point)
 4. Where the NP process will go from this point.
- It is anticipated that one or two 'drop-in' events will be made available for parishioners to come and ask questions on the SEA. This will not be part of the formal consultation process.
- After the consultation period concludes, the formal SEA recommendations will be considered and incorporated into the NP, if felt necessary. The comments by parishioners will help inform these deliberations.
- The outcome will be to move back on to the Neighbourhood Plan process at Reg 15.