

Future Development in the Parish

- Seend Parish, as with many small parishes in Wiltshire, has not been given a target figure for the provision of new houses.
- Although there is no requirement for further housing developments in the parish, some will almost certainly take place in the next few years and the Neighbourhood Plan is a key tool for us to help shape and direct future development.
- We have evidence that indicates that there is a local need for more housing.
- The Neighbourhood Plan will include a policy on future development and housing and the Steering Group are working on gathering evidence to determine the nature of that policy.
- There are two ways the Neighbourhood Plan could include policies on housing and development:
 - **Criteria** based policy (include a series of requirements that a development proposal should meet).
 - **Site allocation** policies (provides for a particular area of land and allocates land for a particular type of development).
- You may have already seen the map which shows land that is known to the Steering Group as possibly **available** for development. A copy is available here to view.
- Working with the Seend Community Land Trust, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has started work on the site assessment process, which includes collecting baseline information for each of the sites.
- It is important to follow a robust approach to the collection of evidence to assess land put forward as potential development sites. We are using a methodology agreed with Wiltshire Council and used successfully for other Neighbourhood Plan groups and Local Authority site allocations. The main stages are as follows:
 - Stage A: Desk Top Work – Reviewing Baseline Information and “downloading” local knowledge.
 - Stage B: Field Work – Getting out to check the first stage work of Form A, make additions and record evidence on maps and with photos.
 - Stage C: Summary and Conclusions.
- We have finished Stage A and Wiltshire Council are reviewing the information with a particular view to adding highways information.

Please let us know your views. How do you think future development should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan? Do you have any thoughts on the available land we are assessing?