

NEWS from the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
Please engage with us!

The last update included this statement:

“Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances.” (National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 76).

Since our last update, the Steering Group has started to compile an initial list of potential Local Green Spaces to be designated in the NDP. Such designation is a way to provide special protection in the Plan for green areas of particular importance to local communities. We asked for your thoughts on this. This time we ask for your ACTION. Please engage with us: communicate your ideas and tell us which and why you have chosen the specific sites. What makes that site special to you? A view? Bluebells in a wood? A delightful place to picnic? Do you own a site that you would like to protect?

For a green space to be eligible for LGS designation, it must satisfy the following criteria:

- Be in reasonable proximity to the community which it serves.
- Be local in character and not an extensive tract of land.
- Be demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance because of any or all of the following:
 - Beauty;
 - Historic significance;
 - Recreational value (including as a playing field);
 - Tranquillity, or
 - Richness of wildlife.

The Neighbourhood Plan is designed to reflect YOUR wishes, so please either email us on seendparishplan@gmail.com Or drop a hard copy through the letterbox of Beech House, High Street with YOUR thoughts. Remember, any policy we write into the Neighbourhood Plan has to reflect YOUR ideas so we need to collect this information to create an evidence base. It is YOUR chance to affect the way in which this Parish develops. Please make use of it.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group took part in the Canal & River Trust Seend Lock Open Day on 10th March to spread the word and chat to people about the NDP. Watch out for news on more events and opportunities to get involved!

The Steering Group would welcome anyone who is interested in being our Minute Secretary. Please do come forward if you think you could take on this role. Georgina A'Bear (Chair) would be delighted to hear from you for an exploratory chat (828288). The next meetings will be on Thursday 29th March, and 26th April, held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. These meetings are open to all Parishioners and we welcome your involvement.

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the S.P.N.P. Steering Group

