

NEWS from the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
Public Meeting

The SPNP Steering Group arranged a Public Meeting on Thursday 27th April, which took place in the Pavilion at 7.30pm: 95 parishioners attended. Many thanks to all those who came.

The meeting aimed to inform the attendees of the findings thus far as to the situation with prospective housing in the Parish. This was the start of what is termed 'a light consultation' to garner your views on the Draft Visions, Objectives and Policies, which were displayed through a Power Point presentation and are also now available to be seen on our website:

www.seendparishplan.org. We are hoping (and expecting) that a good number of you who attended will comment via the email contact on our website, (or put a hard copy into the post box at Bradley Farm, Rusty Lane), and those who were unable to attend will look at the Draft V.O.Ps and do likewise. The 'heavy consultation' will come later in the year, and will be informed by your current comments, so please be sure to contribute to what will eventually be **your** Neighbourhood Plan. This consultation period will remain open until 8th. June.

During the Question and Answer period in the meeting, someone asked for clarification of "the somewhat secret negotiations that the Parish Council were holding with Aster Housing". This useful question gave Georgina A'Bear (the Chair) an opportunity to give a clear response indicating that NO negotiations have taken place, thereby repudiating this rumour. The meetings that have taken place were instigated by Aster who wished to present their plans, and that is all that has taken place as far as the PC is concerned. Some members of the Steering Group, as well as the Lye Field Trustees, were also present.

Some of you may have attended the Aster Housing public exhibition, which they organized by renting the Community Centre from 4-8pm on 17th May, and will have been able to form your own views on their plans. 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.

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. www.seendparishplan.org The next Committee Meetings will be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. on 25th. May and 29th. June: they are open to all parishioners.

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