

Neighbourhood Planning Group Report to 8th June Parish Council

The Group was informed on 5th of June that the first statutory consultation on the current plan was complete, and that we are now cleared to conduct a Reg. 14 Consultation. We held a meeting that evening to plan next steps. We first have to make drafting amendments to the plan to take notice of the slight Willand Parish boundary change.

The Reg 14 consultation has to last for about six weeks, and we have yet to set those dates – but we are aiming to start this as soon as we can.

The consultation involves informing a very long prescribed list of local and national bodies of our proposed Plan – and inviting their comments. We have nearly completed the list with contact details, and will send a common email to all our statutory and local contacts. With the Parish Council permission we intend to put the redrafted Plan onto the P.C. website together with a response questionnaire, so that we can share the link and have all the legally required responses in the same place.

We intend to use Facebook and some local displays and other means to inform local residents. We will place hard copies of the plan in locations where residents without computer access can read them and leave a response, We hope to display again at village events and at some coffee mornings. We are considering opening one or more evening surgeries.

Following the consultation and incorporation of any changes this requires we will have a final draft Plan to go to MDDC. This will come from the Parish Council. We had very much hoped to make the July meeting – but this is now looking optimistic.

Once the Parish Council submits what is then an official draft Plan to MDDC they take control of the rest of the process. This includes an Independent Examination and finishes with a village referendum which requires a majority of support. The timescale and organisation of this is not in our hands.

n.b. To remind Council of the Group membership

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