

## Neighbourhood Plan Revision – report for 3/4/25 Parish Council meeting

1. Two meetings of the Steering Team have been held since the last Parish Council meeting.
2. A meeting was also held with BMSDC officers to discuss housing issues and the NP village wide questionnaire.
3. Contact has commenced with consultants used in the preparation of NP2.
4. A meeting was held with a prospective lead consultancy and should it be appointed it would be possible to prepare an interim budget.
5. Contact has been made with SCC to facilitate the provision of information and guidance, at this stage as it pertains to education provision.
6. Hard copies of the three prime documents used for NP2 have been ordered to be printed. This follows advice from the Clerk that no hard copies had been retained by the Parish Council.
7. The Clerk has advised that he does not hold any papers relating to the NP2 and its process.
8. The Clerk was advised of a meeting regarding Neighbourhood Plans on 4<sup>th</sup> March, arranged by our MP and BMSDC, for Friday 21st. Unfortunately, this was only passed to the LNP Group, by the Clerk on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, which was the day after the attendance invitation list closed. The invitation issued by Babergh did not clearly explain the significance of the Meeting. The Clerk has been reminded that any information from BMSDC needs to be shared promptly. Our steering team secretary was, however, invited to present at the meeting, so was able to report the outcome. A paper was presented at the meeting and circulated to Parish Councils. This shares the raw data BMSDC is currently working on. The Strategic Housing Land Assessment is an allied document providing a further strategic overview due in July. A key question is phasing and its interpretation by any Examiner. A further development is the need for Neighbourhood plans to nominate sites for development.
9. Pilot meetings and conversation are being held across the village to help formulate a village wide questionnaire. The timing of which may be dictated by the publication of the SHLA referred to above.

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