

## Neighbourhood Plan News

I am pleased to report that the formatted draft of NDP and the required accompanying documents have been formally submitted to HDC by the PC Clerk, Steve Derry. These are:

- Designated Area map,
- Neighbourhood Development Plan,
- Basic Conditions Statement and
- Consultation Statement

We have also submitted an Equality Impact assessment and a full listing of the content of the Evidence Base. The documents total over 200 pages and reflect the huge amount of time and effort put in to their preparation by the Editorial team, principally Mike Hearn, Paul and Sue Hart, and John Siddons, and of the additional contributions made by other members of the group by reviewing the numerous drafts of the documents. These documents are supported by the online Evidence Base which is even more extensive and the compilation and installation of all the necessary files and hyperlinks on the PC website has been achieved with a concentrated effort principally by Sue Hart and Stephen Derry.

Through April NPWP members have met with representatives of developers from both Davidsons and Parkers Strategic Land, and provided news of the progress of the plan at the Annual Parish Meeting.

### The next steps:

The submission documents are now being reviewed by HDC to confirm that they meet the formal requirements for acceptance as a submitted NDP. HDC officers have indicated that they expect to complete this by the end of this working week (12<sup>th</sup> May). After this point, HDC will produce a timetable for its detailed review of the documents and its consultation exercise with stakeholders. We expect this process to take 6 to 8 weeks. During this period the NPWP plans to hold “Open Mornings” at the Village Hall as we did during the pre-application consultation last June where anyone can come and discuss the NDP. During the consultation period the NDP will be available for public download from the PC website.

The NPWP will provide current news about the progress of the plan to the community through the PC website, articles in Houghton News, and leaflet drops around the community as appropriate. While the NDP is going through the review process, NPWP members will be involved with PC councillors in scrutiny of the Reserved Matters applications by Davidsons and Hazeltons for their developments North of the A47.

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