

# SOMERFORD KEYNES NDP NEWS

Issue 7

## ON OUR WAY

We are delighted to report that further discussions with the CDC Planning Team has resulted in agreement that our NDP appears to be in conformity with both the revised National Policy Planning Framework and the recently adopted CDC Local Plan. It is essential that these plans all fit together if our Plan is to be successful.

So that's alright then - - - we hope!

Those of you with a long memory will recall that in the summer of 2016 we held a pre-submission consultation over a six-week period. That all went very well and there was a clear endorsement of the Plan. What's more, those organisations outside the Parish who had to be consulted were also largely happy - - -except one! Unfortunately, that was a very important one in the shape of CDC. We have reported previously that if the local planning authority opposes an NDP it has virtually no chance of being approved.

Now, with the benefit of a confirmed Local Plan upon which to base our Policies and fruitful discussions with CDC, we believe we now have a document that can go forward to the next stage. You will appreciate that quite a long time has elapsed since the last pre-submission consultation and so it is necessary to go through that process again. The revised draft Plan was endorsed by the Parish Council at its meeting on 4 February to go forward for consultation

On the whole, re-running this process is no bad thing. There have been a number of detailed changes to the Plan since the last time, and it is correct that the community has ample opportunity to understand the what and why of those changes. Further, the CDC Local Plan is now in place and the chance is there to look at the two documents that will shape planning for the next twenty plus years.

The good news is that, though changes have been made, we are pleased that the fundamental objectives agreed at the outset have been maintained. That's so important because it means that what we wanted is achievable, assuming that the Plan is accepted.

## PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (REGULATION 14)

The Parish Council is required to undertake a consultation on its Neighbourhood Plan document prior to its submission to Cotswold District Council. The duration of this consultation is six weeks. During this period, the Pre-Submission Draft

document will be available for viewing and there will be three public consultations events in the Village Hall.

## CONSULTATION EVENTS

### Somerford Keynes Neighbourhood Development Plan

Final (Pre-Submission) Public Consultation Sessions to be held on:

Thursday 28 March 2019 7.30-9.00pm

Friday 29 March 7.30-9.00pm

Saturday 30 March 10.00am-2.00pm

All sessions will be in the Village Hall, Somerford Keynes

Please drop into any of the sessions to browse the displays and leave comments.

## VIEWING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DOCUMENT

The Neighbourhood Plan document contains 16 Policies that once adopted will be used to taken into account for consideration of planning applications during the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2031. It will be available for comment from Friday 1 March to Friday 12 April 2019.

The draft document may be viewed on the Somerford Keynes website at:

[www.somerfordkeynes.org.uk/ndp4docs.htm](http://www.somerfordkeynes.org.uk/ndp4docs.htm)

## MAKING REPRESENTATIONS

You are invited to comment, in writing, on any aspect of the Neighbourhood Plan document. To do so, please e-mail [ndp@somerfordkeynes.org.uk](mailto:ndp@somerfordkeynes.org.uk) or write to the Parish Clerk at:

Somerford Keynes Parish Clerk  
Neighbourhood Planning  
Loughrigg, Somerford Keynes  
GL7 6EN

It is very important that you provide your name and reference details of the Policies that you are commenting on in your representation.

**The deadline for the receipt of representations is midnight, Friday 12 April 2019**

The NDP Team