

SOMERFORD KEYNES NDP NEWS

Issue 4

IT'S BEEN A WHILE....

It's a little while since the last issue of NDP News, but the Parish Council Newsletter has continued to provide updates of how the Neighbourhood Plan has been progressing in the meantime. We are pleased to report that our journey is nearly complete and the Plan is starting to take its final form. This newsletter is announcing key consultation events that will form the final round of consultation.

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES - LARGE AND SMALL

The economy of the Parish is one of the five areas being addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan with its aim being:

"To make the Parish an attractive place to work and a sustainable place from which residents can go to work".

One of the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan is to encourage local business opportunities and development whilst protecting the visual and societal amenities of the Parish. We understand that there are numerous businesses operating within the Parish ranging from working at home, single employee businesses to large scale enterprises.

The NDP team would like to hear from all of you who operate businesses within the Parish. For this reason, it is running a special NDP consultation aimed at local businesses. The details are as follows:

Somerford Keynes
Neighbourhood Development Plan
Consultation with Local Businesses

Monday 23rd May 2016
7:30pm, Village Hall, Somerford Keynes

All operators of businesses in the Parish are welcome,
however big or small

FINAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSIONS (PRE-SUBMISSION)

During June 2016, the NDP team will be running a series of public consultation sessions where the pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan will be displayed for comment. Following on from these events, the Neighbourhood Plan documentation, with final modifications, will be submitted to Cotswold District Council and the necessary formal examination processes (by the required statutory external consultees) will begin before acceptance of the Neighbourhood Plan is put to the local community in a referendum.

Somerford Keynes Neighbourhood Development Plan

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

Friday 10th June 2016, 10-12am
Monday 13th June 2016, 7:30-9pm
Saturday 18th June 2016, 10am-3pm

All sessions will be in the Village Hall, Somerford Keynes

Please drop into any of the sessions at any time to browse the displays.
Refreshments will be available.

A REMINDER ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

It is now some time since we started creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan, so it may be time for a reminder of what it is. An NDP states what the community would like, or not want, to happen in their area. In other words, this is YOUR Plan and not something to be imposed by the Parish Council, CDC, Gloucestershire or Whitehall. That is why there are consultation events, newsletters and, finally, a referendum in which every elector is entitled to vote. Only if the NDP wins majority support will it become the legal document that must be taken into account in any future planning decisions. Since we started on this journey to create Neighbourhood Plan, there has been growing evidence that nationally they are having an impact on local planning decisions.

Therefore, it is very important that you have your say. From 10th June 2016, the pre-submission NDP document will be available on the Parish Council website.

If you have any views, comments or concerns on the content of this newsletter then please contact the NDP team on ndp@somerfordkeynes.org.uk

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