

Dear Everyone

### **Neighbourhood Plan notes for March 2019**

Very little to report this month and so there wont be a Neighbourhood Plan stall at the Farmers' Market on Saturday.

#### **Where we are with the Neighbourhood Plan?**

In January we sent the first draft of the Plan to SSDC whose task is to determine whether it needs a 'Strategic Environmental Assessment', a procedure that all plans involving the countryside have had to go through for over twenty years now - to protect the countryside. We think it will not be needed. We are still waiting for a response. When we get one we will start the next process which is a village 'pre-submission consultation' to make sure everyone is happy for us to submit the Plan for formal adoption.

#### **Where we are with the Coat Road Application by Barratts**

- 1 The Parish Council voted unanimously to oppose the application at the meeting held in the school on 5th February.
- 2 The county ecologist has asked for more surveys to be done; dormouse, birds, bats and dna surveys in the existing pond (great crested newt I think). These cannot be done before April.
- 3 The country education authority has stated that the schools can cope as long as Barratts give them (the authority, not the school) three quarters of a million pounds.
- 4 The flood relief and drainage system has been officially supported with a few changes.
- 5 The county archeologists wants some surveying and trenching done as there is evidence of ancient habitation.
- 6 Many comments have been received from residents, all opposing the development mainly on the grounds of size. I have submitted a longish letter detailing where the proposal does, and does not, meet Neighbourhood Plan policies.

Given that we have elections in May I cant see this coming before the SSDC planning committee before June at the earliest. So still time for comments to be sent; they will note them almost right up to the planning committee meeting.

Best wishes

Andrew

