

'The Steering Group refers back to the report from Councillor Hill to the Special Parish Council Meeting in August 2017. In this report he outlined some of the risks and constraints that were, in his opinion, jeopardising the Plan. However, the Steering Group maintained its determination to complete the Plan by the end of 2017. Therefore, the task for the Steering Group was to demonstrate during August and September 2017 that this determination was realistic and the Plan is viable.

I can now report that this has been achieved, mainly through the sterling efforts and leadership by each member of the Group. We are, as a community, extremely fortunate in having such a dedicated and able team. At the same time, the SG would like to thank those members of the community who have attended recent meetings and contributed to the discussions and development work towards the Plan. It has not been easy but we are all learning as we go. And, there is a strong consensus that our neighbourhood plan is an essential strategic approach that will benefit us all. The formation of the Residents Association is another demonstration that our community is beginning to take responsibility and ownership for its future. Well done those who have taken this initiative.

I believe, as leader of the Group that it is realistic that we can produce an early draft plan by 22 December 2017 that reflects all the work and consultation of the past 18 months. This draft will provide the basis of further consultation in the New Year, leading to the Draft Plan, for the formal 6 week consultation period early in 2018.

The Steering Group is now working towards the policies and actions required for this early draft. We are meeting Nigel McGurk on 16 October 2017, to present our work, which will allow him to start drafting the Plan on our behalf.

PROPOSAL: *That we continue with the Plan and an early draft is produced by 22 December 2017. The Draft Plan for formal consultation will be agreed early in 2018, after further community consultation.'*