

WEST DEAN AND WEST TYTHERLEY

JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Update by the Chairman of the Steering Group (Alan Bannister)

November 2017

Since July constructive progress with the joint NDP has been made. However owing to unforeseen circumstances we are behind with our planned timetable. We are determined to overcome the delays. Despite our rural community being small compared with others, the NDP is complicated, involving two parishes, two councils and in some aspects different priorities within the two settlements. However the overwhelming evidence is that it is in the interest of both parishes to secure a robust, sustainable and defensible NDP which protects our community and environment. At the same time it has to be realistic about demographic change and the national political imperative to build more houses and businesses across the country including, where appropriate, in rural areas. The NDP belongs to the community as a whole and will be in law following a Referendum now likely in autumn 2018. The NDP must be supported by the majority wishes of the inhabitants in our area.

This update is to reassure parishioners that the Steering Group, despite recent unavoidable delays, remains fully committed to progress confidently towards our goal of producing a Neighbourhood plan in 2018, on behalf of the Parish Councils, ensuring we jump through the right hoops in getting there.

Please note the following:

- Attached is an update brief on our vision and objectives.
- NDP website (wdwtplan.org.uk) will get a full update by December.
- Community engagement will be forthcoming early in the New Year.
- Draft NDP likely to be available by Easter time next year.
- Volunteers (many have helped enormously) will be needed in the future for specific individual tasks (e.g. history context, traffic count, list of businesses, flood risk, mapping biodiversity, SSSIs). Watch this space!!
- Queries to alanjbannister@hotmail.com or ndpadmin@west-dean.co.uk

