

Saham Toney Neighbourhood Plan (STNP) – December 2017

Just a quick reminder that the website for the Plan is now up and running at www.stnp2036.org. As well as lots of information about the plan and some questionnaires there are also two quizzes - one about the plan and another about the village. So for a bit of light relief why not find out if you're the brain of Saham?

We have now completed our review of consultants and at the time of writing have just appointed Modicum Planning to undertake a comprehensive review of the Plan and to provide us with recommendations on how it might be improved and made more likely to be accepted by the authorities. Our consultant has helped many other villages with their plans so has a wealth of experience to share with us.

We have also submitted a grant application to Locality, the government body that deals with such things, in order to fund the consultant's work, which will start once the grant is received - we think around the second week of December.

On Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm we will be holding an event at the Wells Cole Community Centre, where you'll be able to peruse information from the Plan, watch and listen to a slide presentation about it and then ask us any questions you may have. We hope you will be able to attend.

We have contacted those homeowners and local businesses whose properties / land are specifically mentioned in the plan, inviting them to provide any comments they may have on aspects of the plan that directly relate to them, and over the coming weeks we plan to invite some public bodies to review and comment on the draft Plan. With comments from both of those groups, the consultant's review and any comments you send back via the website or raise at the village presentation, we hope to collate feedback from all the most interested parties before Christmas, to enable us to make a final update before the formal submission of the Plan and the six week public consultation.

I met recently with Jamie Bird, a villager who is hoping to build 3 houses on land on Ovington Road, and having listened to the very sensible way he is going about things and viewed his preliminary plans, our group's advice to the Parish Council was that this was just the sort of application that should be supported, and subject to the actual application that is submitted, we would make the same recommendation to villagers.

Chris Blow, STNP Work Group Leader