



Abbotskerswell Neighbourhood Plan – Summer 2016 Update

The long silence during the summer is because some of us have been beavering away to produce the draft plan for **its Pre-submission 6 week public consultation**. This **Pre-submission** consultation is expected to take place during October and November after which all responses are analysed and final Plan adjustments made.

As you know the Neighbourhood Plan has been led and formed by feedback from yourselves from which the Steering Group has produced the **final Pre-Submission** version. The main aims of the plan are to:

- Safeguard the natural environment and the Parish's essential characteristics,
- Identify and protect local green spaces,
- Promote measure to reduce flooding,
- Direct and shape the design and character of small scale developments,
- Minimise impacts from proposed NA3 Wolborough development,
- Encourage off-road parking provision,
- Support and improve footpath and cycling provision,
- Promote local employment, and
- Safeguard community facilities and seek their enhancement.

It is worth remembering that once complete the Neighbourhood Plan will form a material consideration in the determination of planning applications within the Abbotskerswell Parish and will sit alongside the Teignbridge Local Plan.

The **Pre-submission** consultation process will be fully advertised using AbbTalk, village posters and Abbotskerswell website. Formal publication for consultation will be the 29th September 2016.

As part of the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan a formal **Pre-submission** 6 week public consultation must be undertaken with the local community and those with an interest in the area to meet Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 and The Localism Act 2011.

As such, Abbotskerwell Parish Council will be seeking your views and comments on the **Pre-submission** Abbotskerswell Neighbourhood Plan.