

Neighbourhood Plan Renewal update October 2022 – Gerry Murray

1. Wiltshire Council has had the Council's draft neighbourhood plan for 12 weeks.
2. They got around to looking at it for an environmental screening on 9th August.
3. The steering group is now starting to get feedback.
4. They are not proposing many changes to the text. Twelve policies are affected, all of which they say do not make sufficient reference to the 2021 Environmental Act.
5. This has been addressed. New wording has been agreed for these policies and the plan will go to Ros for final compilation by 17th October.
6. The steering group's target for a completed redraft and the start of the 6 week Reg 14 consultation is 1st November.
7. The steering group needs to agree a work plan for the consultation, I will call an NP group meeting about this.
8. In addition to this, the whole plan will now have to go through an Appropriate Assessment (AA) and a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). These can happen during the Regulation 14 consultation period. The AA is done by Wiltshire Council and the steering group will ask AECOM to do the SEA. It has already been granted this facility in the Council's Locality funding package so the group just needs to activate it
9. It is still the group's ambition to get through this without a referendum.
10. It is in discussion with Network Rail about the possibility of getting Station Works pedestrian access onto the Wiltshire Infrastructure list paid for by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund.