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Neighbourhood Plan Review – Progress Update

The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group would like to thank you all yet again for your swift response to the Neighbourhood Plan proposed development sites consultation. Following this consultation we have received some communication from concerned residents and would like to take this opportunity to clarify some apparent confusion.

1. All proposed housing development considered within the Neighbourhood Plan review process is dictated by central government according to perceived housing need at a national level. Chichester District Council then decides on the allocation for each parish, against the 5-year housing supply, within their Local Plan. The Parish Council and Review Group have no part in setting the minimum number of houses our plan has to deliver.
2. All proposed sites must, and will, be considered impartially against planning criteria and consultation evidence. No final decisions have been made and two final independent reports, a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitat Regulations Assessment, will contribute to the decision making process. There will be further formal consultation stages once a draft plan is proposed allowing residents another opportunity to comment.
3. The Parish Council and Review Group endeavour to minimise any damage to the village by managing the visual and social change inevitably caused by additional housing. This is achieved through consultation and evidence, which will be made fully available to the public at the end of the review process. Some reports have already been published on the village website, on the Neighbourhood Planning page.
4. The Parish Council and Review Group are volunteers who have dedicated time and enormous effort in trying to ensure that mandatory additional housing allocated to Wisborough Green has the least detrimental impact on the village. The community is fluid, all villagers come and go, but the village, and its unique and special character, is permanent and all our work is aimed at its protection. We all strive to ensure the best possible outcome for its long term future.

We appreciate your support.

Wisborough Green Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering