



# THE PARISH OF NORTH NEWNTON

## BOTTLESFORD, HILCOTT AND NORTH NEWNTON

### Neighbourhood Plan - Fifth Summary of Activities

**March 2019**

In the last Summary of Activities (end November 2018) we wrote that we expected the draft Neighbourhood plan to be ready for consultation (ie available for everyone in the parish, and interested others, to see and comment on it) in March 2019. There is a delay. As of 1 January 2019, all sites proposed as being suitable for possible development in a neighbourhood plan, must be assessed to determine the effect that building on each will have on the environment, by which is meant the land and area surrounding the site.

The North Newnton Neighbourhood Plan puts forward a number of sites, mostly in North Newnton but one each also in Bottlesford and Hilcott, suitable for possible development. Thus, although Wiltshire Council hasn't told us yet, we are assuming that what's called a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) will need to be carried out. If and when we hear from Wiltshire Council that an SEA is needed, we can apply for a grant which will cover the cost of a qualified organisation doing the assessment for us. The assessment takes about 3 months.

We are also waiting for Wiltshire Council to provide the revised figures of the number of new houses to be built in the County in the next few years. It is highly unlikely that our parish will be expected to build more than the one unit we are currently asked to build, but until Wiltshire Council releases the information, we can't be sure.

In the meantime, our advisers Place Studio are working on the final touches to the draft Design Statement and also the draft Green Spaces Report.

The maps of the sites for possible development will be on display at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 11 May 2019 at The Woodbridge Inn from 2 – 3pm.

We produce these summaries of activity to keep everyone in the parish up-to-date with the progress of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and the related Design Statement. We welcome comments and enquiries about any aspect of either. Please write to [chair@nnp.org.uk](mailto:chair@nnp.org.uk) or write in the space overleaf and post or deliver the form to the Village Hall, Hilcott, SN9 6LE

Regards,

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Vicky Marshall, Fenella Rouse and Carolyn Whistler*

For the Steering Group - March 2019



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