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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The results of the Consultation Day for the Neighbourhood Plan have now been collated and are being analysed so that conclusions can be gathered to help with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group has now had meetings with the landowners and/or developers for the main sites that had been identified in Lewes District Council's SHLAA, to learn how the sites could be developed, how this may benefit the village (and the remainder of the parish) and what advantages use of each particular site may provide. The Steering Group has also had meetings with other residents who have asked to speak to it regarding land that they own.

The Steering Group is now in the process of writing to all the local businesses, asking them to fill in a short questionnaire to identify the services that they provide, how further housing might affect their business and what local changes might assist their business. Those currently working from home will also be asked whether, if their business expanded, they would need office space or other accommodation so that any requirement for this can be taken into consideration. It is hoped that the results of this questionnaire will allow the Neighbourhood Plan to help the development of local businesses and therefore local jobs.

Letters are also being sent to all the Clubs and Societies, inviting them to a meeting to gather information on what improvements in existing facilities and provision of new facilities are desired by their members.

It is also hoped that a meeting can be arranged in April for the young people of 10 to 20 years to gather views from this age group, which was not well represented at the Consultation Day. It is felt that a separate meeting for this group might be the best means of collecting their views.

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