

# Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan



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This newsletter is to update the Neighbourhood Plan Forum members, and to let you know about the work that has been progressing in the background

The outline of the registered Neighbourhood plan area has been changed so as to match that of the Parish boundary after the upcoming governance review, (when the Parish splits into two) – so the Taylors Farm ward is now no longer part of the defined plan area.

However, we still need to collect more information to form what is called the “Evidence Base”.

Having removed the Taylors Farm people we now have only 60 signed up members in the forum – we need input from everyone in the village so please do encourage your friends and neighbours to get involved – and to join in the forum, by going to the signup page on the Parish Council website at <http://www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/DynamicEnquiry/Forumsignup.aspx>

We now have a large part of the plan in first draft form, and we have obtained a grant to hire a professional writer to put this into the required format before it goes to consultation.

We have written to the major local landowners to invite them to become involved in the plan.

We will shortly be undertaking an exercise called a “character assessment” to work out precisely what are the local features that give Sherfield on Loddon it’s unique character, so don’t be surprised if you see groups of photographers wandering around!

We have also obtained grant money to enable us to commission a housing specialist company “Action Hampshire” to conduct an independent survey of all of our residents to determine what the actual requirements for housing in the village will be for the next 15 years. The survey forms have been posted out and should arrive in the next day or two. This information will be an important part of the evidence base, so please fill it in and return it in the reply paid envelope as soon as you can.

A suggestion has been made that we should be taking advantage of modern technology in our consultations and communications, and that rather than expecting everybody to come out to meetings, we should utilise social media to allow Forum members to comment, make suggestions and ask questions. To this end we have setup a Facebook group “SOL Neighbourhood Plan”, and all members of the forum should join it to keep up to date. (We will automatically join everyone whose Facebook username we can guess, otherwise please just request to join it)

So, a lot of activity has been happening, but we still need lots of input from you – assuming you want to influence the direction our neighbourhood is to take in the future...

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