



SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Our Newsletter is delivered twice a year to all Seer Green households. We also regularly post information on our Notice Board opposite Lamb's Newsagents and on our website.

IMPORTANT - NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR CONSULTATION

During February/March last year, Seer Green Parish Council (SGPC) consulted every household in the village on the Chiltern District Council (CDC) Local Plan for 2014-2036. Chiltern District Council, together with South Bucks Council confirmed in late December 2015 their intention to amalgamate their local plans into a Joint Local plan for Chiltern and South Bucks.

The revised Plan will, by law, be subject to local consultation, this time between 18th January until 11th March 2016.

This joint Local Plan will present some significant challenges with the two councils together having to consider issues and options that may not be widely supported. For example, the Councils will be faced with a level of growth that their communities have not experienced for the last 40 to 50 years and need to rise to the challenge of increasing past rates of developments in order to better contribute to housing and economic needs.

Seer Green Parish Council have decided that the best way to consult residents is via this Newsletter delivered to every household. This will ensure that;

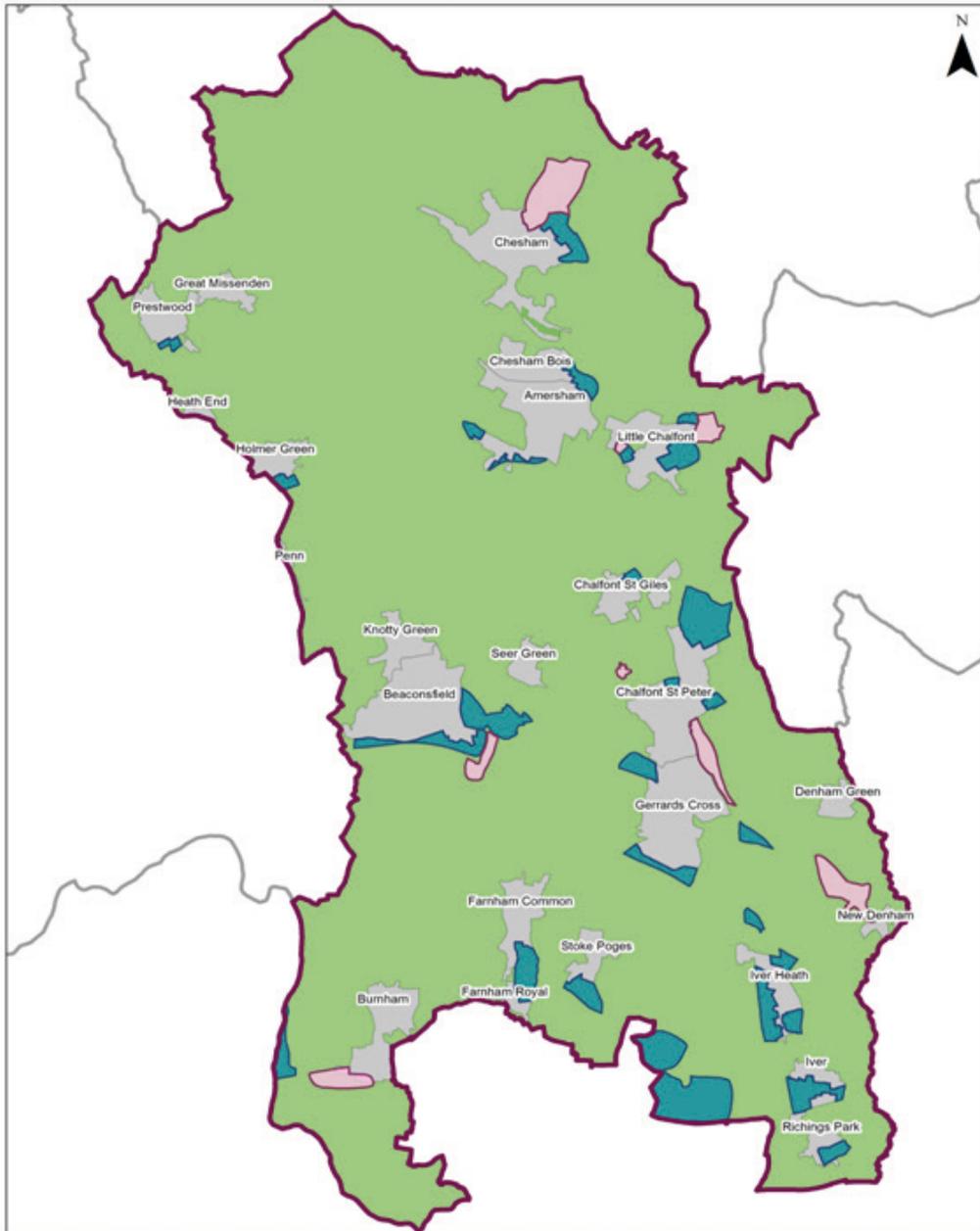
- We know every household will have the newsletter.
- We have outlined the key issues affecting Seer Green and potential impacts on residents.
- Provided an overview of the consultation questions.
- Provided information on where more detailed information can be found.
- Provided an opportunity to comment, either directly to Chiltern District Council, or to Seer Green Parish Council.

This is an ambitious and challenging Local Plan and we strongly encourage you to give us your views.

Local Plan - Key Facts/Items of village interest;

- The consultation runs from January 18th to March 11th 2016.
- The overall combined housing need for Chiltern/South Bucks is Need (2014-2036) = 15,100. CDC have already said they believe there will be a 50% shortfall given the current constraints of available building land and Green Belt considerations.
- A review of the Green Belt is in progress – initial findings have been published on the CDC website; <http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/planning/localplan2014-2036/evidence>. Seer Green does not appear to have been affected – so far! However, it is possible that there will be changes following the consultation.
- The Local Plan requests responses to 17 questions which address a number of detailed options. Options H and J for example are;
 - o Option H. Review the scope for allowing limited infilling within villages and generally built up frontages within the Green Belt.
 - o Option J. In addition to options included above, additional sustainable growth options in built up areas and/or in the Green Belt close to train stations – Chesham, Great Missenden, Amersham, Little Chalfont, Seer Green, Iver and Taplow.
- SGPC has provided its own initial draft response with this newsletter and will publish it on the SGPC website. **The final version for submission to CDC will consider all the feedback we receive.**
- The draft Local Plan contains a number of maps. Local Plan Appendix 6 on page 2 of this newsletter shows a summary of sites currently being tested for use as housing or for industrial use. The following link from the SGPC website will take you to the full Local Plan. http://www.seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk/Core/Seer-Green-PC/Pages/Joint_Local_Plan_Consultation_1.aspx

DRAFT BUILT AREA EXTENSION OPTIONS AND EMPLOYMENT AREAS OF SEARCH IN THE GREEN BELT



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Legend
■ Local Plan Boundary ■ Built Area Extension Option ■ Employment Area of Search ■ Green Belt



AS A RESIDENT HAVE YOUR SAY; Comments on Local Plan

Village Postcode:

Comments:

Please return comments by 4th March 2016.

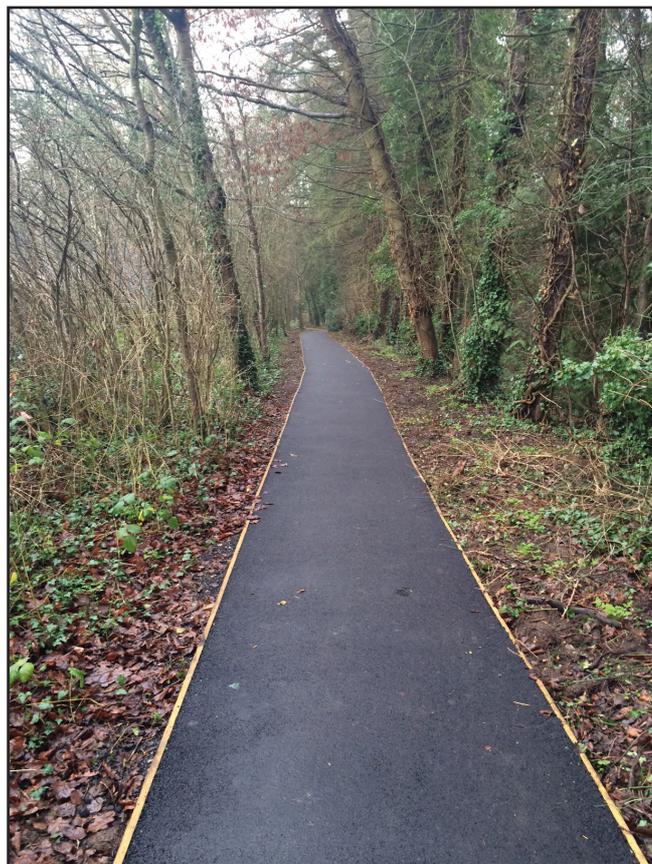
We are strongly encouraging residents to comment on this consultation, and on SGPC's draft responses. There are several options;

1. Direct to CDC – the CDC website has the details but you will be asked to complete an official form <http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=7773&p=0> We would welcome a copy.
2. By emailing SGPC at clerk@seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk or post to the Parish Clerk, Seer Green Parish Council whose address appears on the back page of this newsletter.
3. By completing the above response and dropping in at the Lamb's newsagent.

FOOTPATH 1A TO SEER GREEN AND JORDANS STATION

Following our successful application for funding from the Bucks County Council (BCC) Local Area Forum (LAF) we were pleased that the project to resurface the top area of uneven path from the station car park was completed in December. Although the path was on Chiltern Railways land BCC agreed to fund the project for health and safety reasons. We are very grateful to the LAF for funding this important project.

In January, following complaints, the Parish Council hired a contractor to clear the footpath from Vicarage Close, across Old Long Grove to Longbottom Lane. The clearing of pavements/footpaths which are paved or tarmaced is the responsibility of Chiltern District Councils Waste Team. If you notice that significant fallen leaves is making the paths slippery then please report it to by email to WasteTeam@chiltern.gov.uk or by calling 01494 586550. The Council also wrote to residents who border the path asking for their help to cut back the foliage from their properties following complaints about foliage overhanging the path and blocking streetlights. Although we have had some success we are still waiting to hear back from some residents.



Resurfaced footpath 1A from the station car park

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD 2016

For the last five years the Parish Council has presented a small award to recognise the person judged by the Chairman as having made a significant contribution to the village community.

The award is being run again for 2016 and we are asking for your nominations to be submitted before the closing date of 22nd April 2016. The award (gift tokens to the value of £50) will be announced at the May 2016 AGM.

Nominees should be village residents or have strong ties to the Seer Green community; age is no barrier, recipients can be young or old; their contribution might have been towards community spirit or social cohesion in the village, or it might have been to improving or up-keeping the village environment. We would like to hear from you about those unsung heroes whose contribution goes unnoticed as well as those who are known to play a prominent role within our community. Please use the adjacent slip and send your nomination to the Parish Clerk (address overleaf) or drop it into the Post Office marked for the attention of the Parish Clerk.

My nomination is for:

Why I am nominating him/her (maximum 50 words):

Name:

Address:

Telephone No:

AROUND THE PARISH...

NEW COUNCILLOR NEEDED

Seer Green Parish Council has a volunteer vacancy available for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested please contact the Clerk.

UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING AND ROAD SAFETY

We received over 200 responses to our recent petition and would like to thank everyone who replied. We have now written to our Bucks County Councillor Tim Butcher to raise our petition and seek funding for improvements for road safety and traffic calming at both the next LAF meeting and with the BCC Cabinet.

DEFIBRILLATOR

A new defibrillator is being installed at the Recreation Ground following generous donations from Seer Green Adult Football Club, Seer Green Gardeners, Seer Green Allotment Association, Jordans & District Rotary Club, Seer Green Scouts, Seer Green United Youth Football Club and Jordans Taverners Cricket Club. The defibrillator will be positioned on the side of the Pavilion facing the car park and will be illuminated to make it easy to find. On ringing for an ambulance, if a defibrillator is deemed necessary, the opening code for the box will be provided.

BIG LUNCH 2016

The next Big Lunch will take place on Sunday 12th June from 12 noon – 3pm, in the grounds of Seer Green CE School.

CHILTERN RANGERS IN GREEN WOOD

Chiltern Rangers are a not-for-profit social enterprise who work to 'enhance Chiltern's habitats through education, conservation and community engagement'. Thanks to a grant from the BCC Local Area Forum and the support once again of the community focussed staff from Perkin Elmer, they are working in partnership with the Parish Council to improve Green Wood by removing holly and other non-native plants.



VANDALISM IN GREEN MEADOW

In December the new circular bench in Green Meadow was unfortunately vandalised twice as the back struts had been forcibly removed on two sides. In addition several beer bottles were smashed in the Youth Shelter and path on School Lane leading into the meadow. These acts of vandalism were reported to the Police. If seen please report in confidence to the Parish Council.



NEW STREETLIGHTS

Eagle eyed residents may have noticed four new streetlights in the village. Following a full engineering inspection of all of our streetlights four were found to have been completely rusted through at the base of the column and therefore condemned. The streetlight operative reported that this was mainly due to the acidity of dog urine.

WHO TO CONTACT

Report potholes/flooding to Bucks County Council Transport department at <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/online> or call 0845 230 2882. Waste, litter or fly-tipping should be reported to WasteTeam@chiltern.gov.uk or call 01494 586550.

SEER GREEN PARISH CLERK

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