

Agenda item no. 8	
Report to	Burwash Parish Council
Subject	Neighbourhood Plan update report
Date	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
From	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

**1. Update**

- 1.1 Due to holidays for the Consultant and key Steering Group members there has been little activity during August except for a presence at Burwash Fair.
- 1.2 The Consultant has now returned from holiday and has sent the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) form to Rother District Council (RDC). This is part of the overall Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process. RDC will now consult with various agencies over the next 5 weeks before deciding if we need to submit a formal SEA. We are certain that the SEA will be required and in anticipation the Consultant has commenced drafting this document.

**2. Correspondence with Rother District Council (RDC)**

- 2.1 Following the July Parish Council meeting a letter was sent to the Cabinet Member at RDC to raise our concerns about the existing housing target and any potential uplift resulting from the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The reply suggested that these matters could be more sensibly dealt with through a meeting with RDC Officers.
- 2.2 A request for a meeting with the key Officer concerned was made but his reply simply restated the current target and reminded us that if we don't identify at least 52 units within the draft NP that this will not be allowed to go forward.
- 2.3 As a result we requested a meeting with the District Councillors but due to holidays this has not proved possible so far. A further request has been made in the last few days for this very important meeting to be held and it is hoped this can be arranged in the next two weeks.

**3. Matters for resolution**

- 3.1 The Parish Council are asked to note this report.