**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Report to the Murton Parish Council**

**August 29th 2020**

**1.**    **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and the Habitat  Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

The SEA and HRA are important documents which have to be examined at the same time as the Neighbourhood Plan report itself. They are written, as their titles suggest, to ensure that our Plan does no harm to the environment or to habitats. We have been guided by CYC officers. This guidance is essential as the regulations are not only complex but are subject to change. For example, the HRA has been profoundly influenced recently by a new judgement from the European Court of Justice and our draft was amended substantially by the officers.

Following these comments and detailed guidance of the CYC officers, we have now completed both documents, bar a few small adjustments that are needed, and they are being proofread by Alastair.

**2**. **Maps for the Neighbourhood Plan**

Although the CYC map maker is still away on sick leave, the officers are making alternative arrangements for us. We need maps for the Plan itself and for several of the ancillary documents.

**3.**    **Photos for the Neighbourhood Plan**

We have now inserted the photos into the main report and are editing the whole report to ensure that we have them in the most appropriate places. Some of the aerial photos taken specially for us by David Jenkins illustrate the commentary.

A problem is emerging, that the file is beginning to be too big! We need expert advice on how to manage it.

 **4.**    **Website**[**murtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk**](http://murtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/)

We are making further progress with the new website and are completing the section describing the questionnaires and their analysis.

The proposed menu was given in an earlier report.

**5.**    **Appendices to the Neighbourhood Plan**

We have now completed ***Appendix F  Murton Parish:  Local Green Space.***

We have also made revisions to other Appendices to the report .

**6. A review of the documents and website**

The following documents have now been larely prepared and are awaiting final checking:

1. **Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan**

Appendix A Murton Conservation Area

Appendix B A Brief History of the Township of Murton

Appendix C Murton Parish: Census Data

Appendix D…Murton Parish: Hedgerows and Fields

Appendix E…Murton Village Design Statement

Appendix F…Local Green Space report

1. **Strategic Environmental Assessment**
2. **Habitat  Regulations Assessment**
3. **Pamphlet**
4. **Letter to accompany the Pamphlet**

**The structure of the website has been built and we are adding sections, piece by piece, as they become ready.**