

**CW NP Reg15/ 7 Consultation Letter to Residents, June 2015.**

**Stephen Eades**

Secretary

Allington and Sheldon Neighbourhood Steering Group

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Dear Parish Resident,

**Allington & Sheldon Neighbourhood Plan**

About fifteen months ago, the Parish Council asked residents present at a Council meeting whether they would be interested in forming a Neighbourhood Steering Group, to assist in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Chippenham Without Parish. A Neighbourhood Plan is able to influence a variety of Wiltshire Council and Local Government policies and decisions as it is recognised as a strong community voice.

It has taken over a year to get the Neighbourhood Plan Area designation as Local Government runs very slowly. But being a legal document that needs to be taken into consideration when decisions are made, we have reached an important milestone and we can now carry on and start work in consulting you and producing recommendations leading to the final adoption of your own Neighbourhood Plan.

We are now writing to you to ask for your help – The newly formed Allington and Sheldon Neighbourhood Steering Group would like to set up its inaugural meeting, which Amanda Cairns who lives at Bolehyde Manor, has agreed to chair and is looking for team members. As a resident we are sure that you know that our small villages are under threat from the urbanisation of Chippenham. As residents surely we should be in control of what happens in and around where we live, not some official or Councillor from other parts of Wiltshire that has no interest in what happens here?

We would like to invite you to our meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July that, by courtesy of Paul Reynolds, will be held in his Snooker Room at Allington Bar Farm\* at 18.30 hrs to find a team of local residents who would like to influence what happens in our community. We know that everyone is busy, but investing in your local community is time well spent. Please come along and find out how your skills and experience could help our community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Eades, Secretary

\* This is Paul's home in Allington lane, opposite the Farm Shop and *not* the Farm Shop.