

# ***Sompting Neighbourhood Plan (SNP)***

## **2014 – 2029**

**POLICY PLANNING WORKSHOP**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013**  
**6.00 – 9.00pm**

### **ENVIRONMENT POLICIES**

**Facilitator: Rowena Tyler**

#### **Notes:**

In no order of priority, the main issues which the delegates feel should be included into the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan are:

#### **Natural Environment:**

- A policy to ensure that there is no reduction in green recreation space in the village as a result of development – an increase would be welcomed.
- Recreation ground to be landscaped, drainage problems sorted out, residents of adjoining older people's home to be given better access to this space.
- Crossing from Sompting to SDNP downland to be established – bridge, crossing with lights, or other option, but should be suitable for horses, pedestrians and cyclists
- Underused site at Howick Lane (possibly earmarked for Riding for Disabled), if not this to be regenerated.

#### **Built Environment**

- Area between Beggars Bush and Tich Hill Farm: SDNPA controlled. Any development to be appropriate for increasing the viability of the farming community, or to help local employment and skills. E.g farm shop, winery, local trades. Sompting Estates to be on advice panel.
- Any new development to include small ponds and reservoirs, linked to existing ditches, which should be opened and finance given to continue maintenance. Reed beds to be planted. This fits in with S o P idea to create a new Nature Conservation area, and would be part of a biodiversity campaign. Area below the proposed new development sites and the old watercress fields would be ideal.
- New developments should not add to light pollution, particularly towards the SDNP area.
- Discuss with neighbouring parishes whether a wind turbine is a possibility.

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