BNP CHAIRMANS REPORT - Tuesday 14th February 2023

Completion of statutory 'consultation' period and next steps.

- 1. The BNP Committee met on the 25th January to review comments received from the recent consultation programme, to assist the committee in presenting a concise report for the Council with its recommendations and associated further actions.
- 2. A summarising report has been prepared and given to the Parish Clerk for circulation to members giving the opportunity to review and comment. Once any changes have been suggested and agreed by the BNP Committee, this report will be included in the formal 'Consultation Statement' and will be a major component for the next important step which is Regulation 15.
- 3. It is the Committee's request that Botley Parish Council approve our recommendation(s) to proceed to the next phase, the Regulation 15 process.

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Councillor Stephen Wildin Chairman, Botley Parish Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

Notes:

'Consultation Statement' This document and its appendices, together with supporting technical documents, will be submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council for examination (Regulation 15).

Eastleigh Borough Council will appoint an independent examiner and undertake a further consultation (Regulation 16).

Following examination and subject to approval from the examiner, Eastleigh will carry out a referendum in the Neighbourhood Area (Botley Parish) and, if the Neighbourhood Plan is agreed by a simple majority of those who vote, the Plan will be "made" by Eastleigh Borough Council and will form part of the Local Plan against which planning applications will be assessed.

Throughout this process, our task will be to advertise as far and as wide as we can, informing the community that this referendum is in progress.