

Seagry Neighbourhood Plan

What is happening?

Seagry Parish Council has formed the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in our Parish, and will have legal standing. The development of the Neighbourhood Plan is therefore an opportunity to ensure that any future development in the Parish of Seagry reflects the wishes of our community.

The Neighbourhood Plan is not just concerned with planning policies for the development and use of land. It is an opportunity to consider and codify our community's wishes on a range of issues, which can include the roads within the Parish, the use of our shared resources including the Community Hall (which is owned and managed by the Goss Croft Hall Charitable Trust), the recreation ground (which is owned and managed by the Recreation Ground Charitable Trust), the primary school, and our local businesses.

Is it compulsory for Seagry to have a Neighbourhood Plan?

No, it is not compulsory. However, the Neighbourhood Plan will mean that we as a Parish have more control over potential future development in Seagry. The process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan will identify whether we would like any housing development in our parish in the future, and if so the extent of that development. Once the Neighbourhood Plan is in place it will have legal standing, so that future planning applications for development need to be in accordance with the Plan.

I've heard that other Parishes are being forced to accept housing development. Is that the case for Seagry?

No, that is not the case for Seagry. You may be aware that a number of local Parish Councils, including for example Somerford Parish Council and Christian Malford Parish Council, have developed Neighbourhood Plans in response to the fact that the Wiltshire Core Strategy requires a fixed amount of housing development in those Parishes. For these Parishes, the Neighbourhood Plan allows the community to have a say in where the housing development will take place, within the boundaries of the Parish. This is not the case for Seagry. We have not been allocated any new housing to be developed in our Parish.

If Seagry has not been provided with an allocation of housing development, why does Seagry need a Neighbourhood Plan?

As noted above, the Parish Council believes that Seagry is in a stronger position if it has a Neighbourhood Plan in place, as it will provide more control over potential future development in Seagry. For example, at the moment under the Core Strategy, Lower Seagry is designated as a 'rural site' where no development is permitted, and Upper Seagry is designated as a 'small village' where very limited development is permitted. The Neighbourhood Plan will allow us to consider potential options for new housing for Upper and Lower Seagry, and allow the best option as agreed by our community to be put in place, even if that is different to the current designation. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan would provide protection against future housing development which is in excess of that detailed by the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Seagry Neighbourhood Plan Survey

The Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are determined that the Seagry Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the views of its residents. To that end, it is absolutely essential that we hear your views. There will be many opportunities to provide your views throughout the process, including at the end of the process when every resident of the Parish will be invited to vote as to whether to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan. The first, and in many ways most important, opportunity for you to express your views is to respond to this survey, as the results of this survey will inform the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. Each person on the electoral role for the Parish has the opportunity to complete the survey, so each household will have received a survey for each person on the electoral role in that household. Your co-operation in completing this survey will assist the Steering Group by providing your views on what housing development you would like in Seagry, if any, and where that development might be located.

Where can I find more information?

You can find useful information on the Parish Council's website, where there is a web page dedicated for the purpose:

<http://www.seagryparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

The webpage includes links to other resources where more information and guidance can be found.

In addition, information on Neighbourhood Plans can be found on Wiltshire Council's website at this address:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning.htm>

On the website you will find a document called "*Neighbourhood Planning – a Guide for Wiltshire's Town and Parish Councils*" which provides more details on the contents of a Neighbourhood Plan, and the development process.

Returning the Neighbourhood Plan Survey

Once you have completed the survey, please return it by Friday 21 March 2016 to either of the following addresses:

4 The Courtyard
Upper Seagry
SN15 5JZ

Or

Fairthorn
Lower Seagry
SN15 5EP
(opposite the post box)

Seagry Neighbourhood Plan Survey

You and your household

1. Please provide your name and address in the box below:

2. Is this your main home?

Yes No

3. How many years have you lived in Seagry Parish?

Under a year 1-2yrs 3-4yrs 5-9yrs 10-14yr 15-19yr 20+yrs

4. How would you describe your home?

House Bungalow Flat/Apartment Sheltered/Retirement

Caravan/ Mobile Home Other (please describe)

5. How many bedrooms does your home have?

1 2 3 4 5+

6. Has anyone from your family moved away from Seagry Parish in the past 5 years due to difficulty finding a home they could afford locally?

Yes No

7. Would a member of your family like to move into Seagry Parish if an appropriately priced home was available?

Yes No

Your views on future development in the Parish of Seagry

1. How important are the following to the quality of life in Seagry? Please tick the appropriate box in accordance with the scale of 1 – Not Important to 5 – Very Important

	1	2	3	4	5
Open / green spaces					
Rural atmosphere					
Wildlife habitats					
Sense of community					
Friendly and safe					
Village facilities					
Other*					

*If other, please provide more details in the box below:

2. Looking ahead, would you support new homes being built in the Parish of Seagry?

Yes No

Please provide an explanation in the box below:

3. If you would support new homes being built in the Parish of Seagry, how many new homes would you support being built?

None 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 13-15 16+

Please provide an explanation for your answer in the box below:

4. If you would support new homes being built in the Parish of Seagry, what types of homes would you support being built?

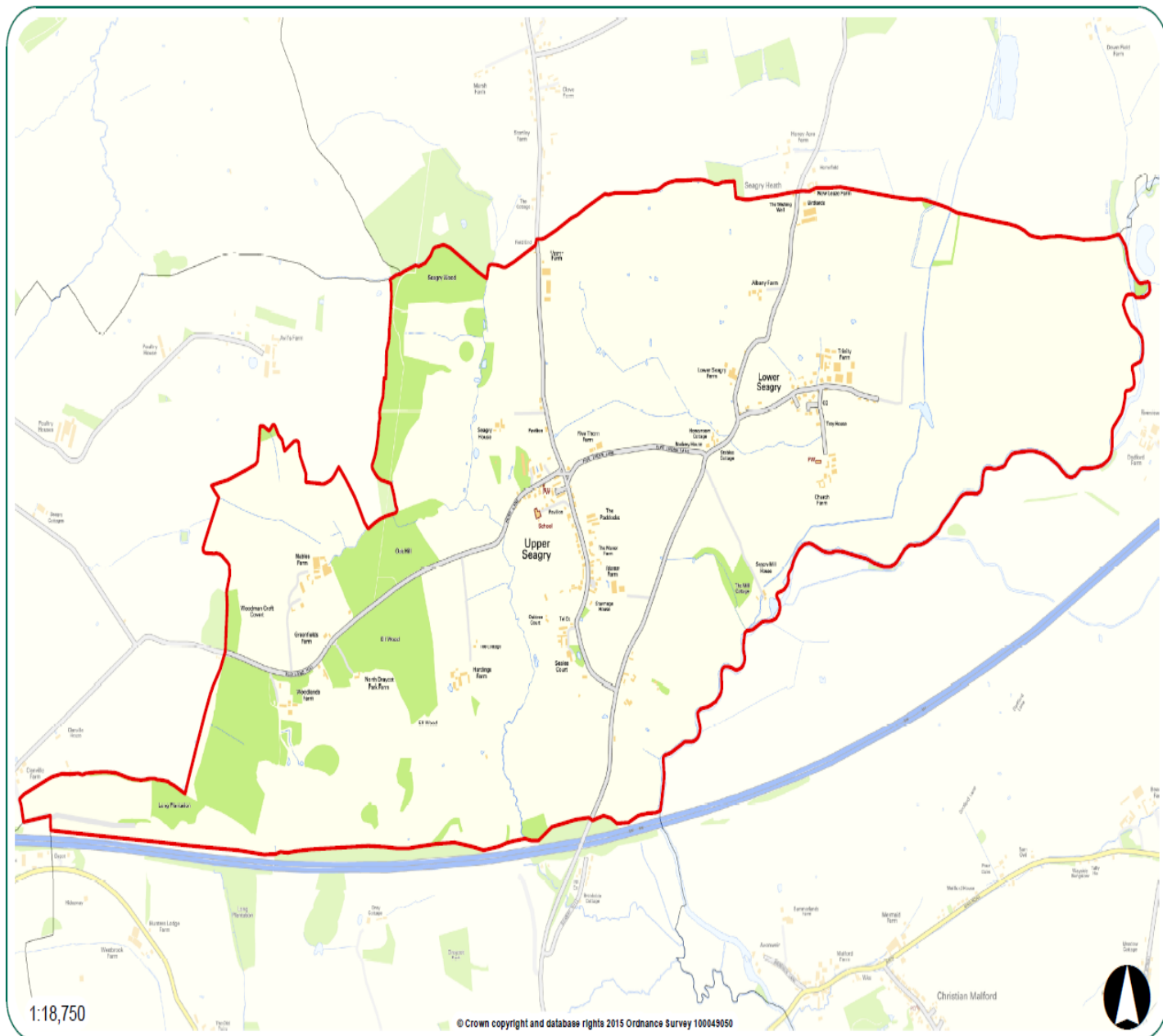
Type of home	Number
Private housing:	
- Flat	
- Bungalow	
- 1 to 2 bed house	
- 2 to 3 bed house	
- 3 to 4 bed house	
- 5+ bed house	
Affordable housing*:	
- Flat	
- Bungalow	
- 1 to 2 bed house	
- 2 to 3 bed house	
- 3 to 4 bed house	
- 5+ bed house	
Assisted Housing	
Eco Housing	
Other**	
Total	

Please ensure that the total number of home equals the number of homes you indicated that you would support being built in the previous question.

* Please note that affordable housing is housing owned by a Housing Association and let at below market rents

**If Other, please describe:

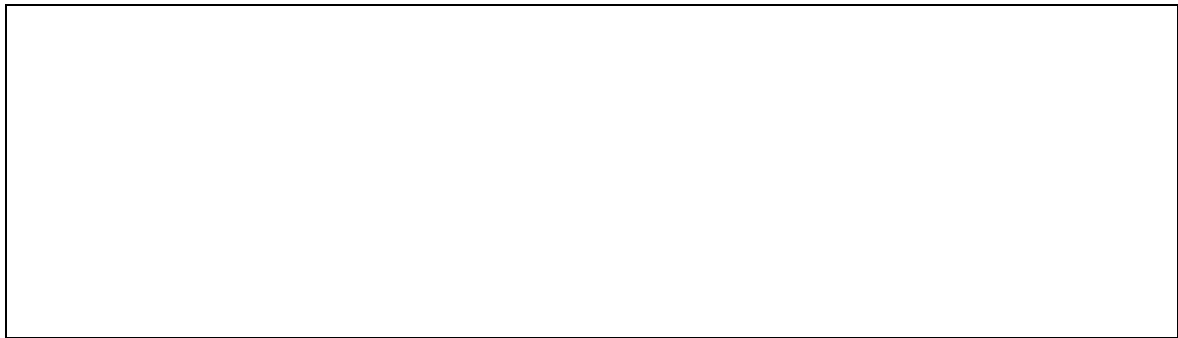
- If you would support new homes being built in Seagry Parish, please indicate on the map of the Parish below where you would support the homes being built by marking with a cross. Please note that you can indicate a single location, or multiple locations. Furthermore, you can indicate a location or locations which you believe would provide sufficient space for the number of homes which you would support being built, or you can indicate a location or locations which you believe would provide more space than required for that number of homes. For each location which you indicate, please state how many home and what type of homes you would support being built in that location.



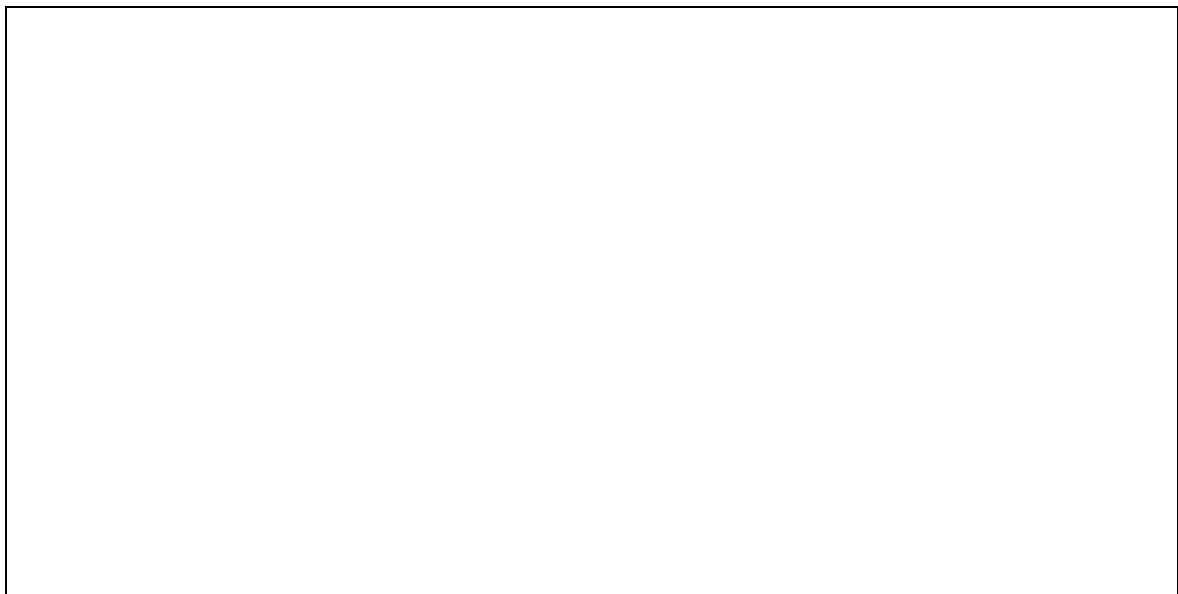
For each location which you have indicated on the map, please provide information for each location to be easily identified - eg. map co-ordinates, description, etc. Please also provide an explanation for why you believe each location you have selected would be suitable for the new homes which you have indicated you support being built:



6. If you have indicated that you would support new homes being built in Seagry, over what period of time do you think the development should take place, and why?



7. If you have any suggestions regarding housing that have not been considered in the survey questions above, please detail in the box below:



8. Do you think that land should be reserved for businesses suited to Seagry's rural environment, to encourage local employment opportunities?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details of types of business you would encourage in the box below:

9. Please provide any additional comments you think are relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan. In particular you may have comments on any or all of the following:

- the roads within the Parish (within the boundaries noted on the map above);
- Goss Croft Hall, our community hall;
- the Recreation Ground, our shared open space;
- the allotments;
- any additional facilities which currently do not exist in the Parish but which you think would be of benefit to the community; and
- any other observations on how the fabric of our community might be improved.