

As chairman of **Beer Arts Group(s)** I am giving this response on behalf of our committee to the request made for input into the Neighbourhood Plan for Beer. Specifically to make a preliminary contribution to the planning process by letting the Parish Council have the committee's perspective on:

a/ What is good and not so good about the parish today?

Good: Pleasant clean low crime environment, good architectural features and range of pubs and restaurants.

Not so good: Not enough young people, limited public transport and expensive parking.

b/ What could be done to make the parish a better place to live and work?

More employment and housing attractive to young adults, better transport, greater occupancy of the housing stock year round.

Reversing the trend of changing business premises to holiday lets.

c/ What, if anything is preventing your organisation from functioning as it would wish?

Support and attendance of our activities seems to be limited to "Blow Ins".

d/ Your organisation's needs for different or better accommodation or more space in future?

An affordable village hall would be great.

e/ What you hope we might tackle through the Neighbourhood Plan?

Provision of:

- an affordable appropriately sized village hall.
- housing and employment opportunities for young people.
- parking provision and pricing aimed at helping the businesses.
- incentives to increase the occupancy of our housing stock.

Individual members of the committee also commented with requests as follows:

- we should have a 20mph speed limit.
- Designer/Architect should look at the Mariners Hall with a view to bringing it into the 21st century.
- better signage to prevent visitors driving around the village and ending up in the same place wasting fuel and adding to the pollution.

I hope these comments are of help in getting the project underway.

Warm regards

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