

Stebbing Neighbourhood Plan v SERCLE

A number of residents have asked what is the difference between the **Stebbing Neighbourhood Plan** group and the **SERCLE** pressure group.

These are two different groups with different objectives.

The **Stebbing Neighbour Plan** committee was created by the Stebbing Parish Council and is entrusted with finding out the view of residents in the Stebbing parish on future developments in their area; putting these into a plan for possible future developments within the parish; and this is then required to be voted on by all residents in a referendum. If approved, this plan would be used by Uttlesford District Council (UDC) alongside their planning policies when considering further housing development applications.

SERCLE (Stop Erosion of Rural Communities in Local Essex) is a pressure group formed by residents in the area to object the proposed West of Braintree Garden Town development centred around Andrewsfield airfield and Broxted Wood. The objective of this group is to stop or vastly reduce this proposed development.

If the parish residents approve a neighbourhood plan which proposes only small scale developments, which are in keeping with and preserve the local area, this can be a powerful tool for **SERCLE** and the local parish council to use in their fight to protect our rural environment.