

North Hinksey Parish Neighbourhood Plan Minutes from Steering Group meeting on 3rd March 2016

Present:

Voting members:

Andrew Pritchard (Steering Group Chair, NHPC, and WG3 Chair)

David Kay (Steering Group Secretary, NHPC and WG4 & 7 member)

Jon Rowland (Steering Group voting member and WG1 member)

Philip Stevens (Steering Group Treasurer, ex-SODC planner & WG1 member)

Non-voting members:

Simon Banks (WG7 member)

Phil Bloomer (WG6 member)

Voirrey Carr (WG6 Chair)

Martin Dowie (WG6 member)

Liz Harrison (WG4 Chair)

Hilary Jones (WG1 Chair)

Grant Nightingale (WG2 Dep. Chair)

Caroline Potter (WG8 member)

Barbara Witkowski (WG6 Dep. Chair)

Tony Wood (WG2 Chair)

Conflicts of Interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

(1) Overview of success of public feedback event on 30th January:

Generally it was felt that the event had gone very well, in terms of the number of people attending (over 100) plus the amount of time they had spent at the event (many spending over half an hour there) and the level of feedback across the topics and content on display.

It was felt that at future events we might want to limit slightly the number of forms to fill in and the sheer range and detail of content to avoid overwhelming attendees (i.e. make everything more focussed).

Analysis of where attendees lived generally showed higher numbers living in the roads nearer to West Way which probably reflected a combination of being more concerned about planning in general because of the West Way redevelopment plans plus a combination of volunteers persuading their neighbours to attend and direct leafleting of some houses (this worked particularly well for some roads including Poplar Road and St Pauls Crescent, but leafleting alone attracted nobody from Montagu Road).

(2) Vision Statement:

Feedback from the event on the Vision Statement was generally positive with some WGs recording 100% agreement with their section from people responding.

Working Groups 2, 3 and 4 indicated that it was unlikely that they would want to change any aspect of their section of the Vision Statement at this stage.

Working Group 1 are considering adding a statement about low carbon housing but care needs to be taken to avoid simply repeating part of the Utilities section.

Working Group 5 unfortunately had no members present (apologies were received for their absence) however a number of suggestions were made for changes to their section of the Vision Statement – D. Kay to forward these suggestions to WG5 members for their consideration.

Working Group 6 are considering including a phrase about 'green routes' in their section (NB this refers to routes for people not wildlife corridors).

All WG's to consider further any changes they might like to make to their section of the Vision Statement and send D. Kay their revised version by Friday 18th March. D. Kay to circulate the complete revised version to all volunteers for further comments and agreement at the next meeting on 6th April, and then upload the agreed final version on to the NHPNP website.

(3) Areas of overlap / conflict and likely policy direction:

WG1 is aiming to identify and encourage the optimisation of the ratio of types of housing required / desired in our area (e.g. whether affordable housing, start up family homes, flats or other housing types) which will be impacted on by new housing developments and restructuring of the current housing stock, to identify potential preferred sites for new housing to pre-empt demands from the Vale, and to promote good / desired design features in any planning applications for housing.

Areas of overlap include:

- Usage of land for new housing potentially conflicting with all other WG's across the range of preferred sites identified.
- Overlap with WG2 for housing within the West Way redevelopment.
- Overlap with WG3 for cycle parking in new developments / redevelopments.
- Overlap with WG5 on low carbon features within housing developments.

WG2 is identifying current commercial sites and the types of business present on them, and aiming to protect them from other types of development (e.g. conversion to housing), promote local business support (e.g. through the new Business Forum) and produce policies that encourage a wide range of business types and sizes in an overall coherently functioning and vibrant economy.

Areas of overlap include:

- Overlap with WG1 for housing within the West Way redevelopment.
- Conversion of land for new housing - potential conflicts with WG1.

- Overlap with WG3 for cycle parking in new developments / redevelopments.
- Overlaps with WG4 on provision of leisure facilities for workers on commercial sites plus WG4 policy of encouraging the inclusion of new leisure facilities within commercial sites.
- Overlap with WG5 on low carbon features within commercial developments.

WG3 is aiming to identify and resolves transport issues relating to a number of conflicts between various road users and residents and to promote more sustainable methods of transport. Two key areas under investigation are parking and the provision of better infrastructure for cyclists.

Areas of overlap include:

- Overlap with WG1 & WG2 for cycle parking in new developments / redevelopments.
- Conversion of land for new housing plus redevelopments increasing traffic - potential conflicts with WG1.
- Overlap with WG4 on school expansions and travel plans.
- Overlap with WG6 on parking issues.

WG4's proposed policy aims and community actions were already identified prior to the public feedback event and generally supported to a great extent by feedback received at the event meaning that they are unlikely to change significantly. The overall direction being taken is one of identifying and protecting important sites (e.g. strategically important leisure sites) combined with encouragement of expansion of leisure, health, education and library facilities and services to an appropriate level for this community, but with certain specific provisos (e.g. not expanding school capacity by building all over playing fields, not building new leisure facilities that would impact negatively on current strategically important facilities etc.). A final important aspect is the subsequent publicising of some aspects of social infrastructure (primarily leisure and library facilities) through identified community actions in order to ensure that their benefits for the community are maximised.

Areas of overlap include:

- Conversion of social infrastructure sites for new housing, commercial sites or expansion of the A34 conflicting with WG1, WG2 and WG3 respectively vs. WG4 protection policies.
- Overlap with WG3 on school expansions and travel plans.
- Overlaps with WG4 on provision of leisure facilities for workers on commercial sites plus WG4 policy of encouraging the inclusion of new leisure facilities within commercial sites.
- Overlap with WG6 on green spaces used as leisure facility sites.

WG5 were not present to provide their views however it would be helpful if they could provide a short summary of the general direction they are heading in to D.Kay by 1st April to discuss at the next meeting on 6th April.

Areas of overlap include:

- Conversion of land for new housing - potential conflicts with WG1.
- Overlap with WG1 & WG2 on low carbon features within housing and commercial developments respectively.

- Overlap with WG6 on impact of contamination of water run-off from the A34 on green spaces.

WG6 is establishing a position very similar to WG4 in terms of identifying and protecting the most important and sensitive areas of public green space, expanding them where possible and advertising their existence to ensure maximum usage.

Areas of overlap include:

- Conversion of green spaces for new housing, commercial sites or expansion of the A34 conflicting with WG1, WG2 and WG3 respectively vs. WG6 protection policies.
- Overlap with WG3 on parking issues.
- Overlap with WG4 on green spaces used as leisure facility sites.
- Overlap with WG5 on impact of contamination of water run-off from the A34 on green spaces.

Additional overlaps with the Brookes Working Group also need to be clearly identified.

All WG's to produce first drafts of proposed policies and community actions and send these to D. Kay by 1st April for general circulation before the meeting on 6th April. N.B. These drafts will require several rewrites over the coming months and at this stage the general aim of the policy / community action is more important than the exact wording. Where possible WG's should discuss the overlaps and conflicts identified above with the other relevant WG's and take into consideration alternative views being proposed as well as opportunities for combined policies / community actions where appropriate.

(4)Submission of NHPNP comments on the West Way redevelopment planning application:

It was agreed that NHPNP would submit comments to the Vale as part of the consultation currently under way on MACE's West Way redevelopment planning application. These comments will consist of the revised Vision Statement (as agreed on 6th April) plus one paragraph each from the WG's identifying briefly where the planning application either meets or fall shorts of their relevant section of the Vision Statement and any emerging policies. Where appropriate positive comments would be appreciated in addition to identifying negative issues. Please stick to your own section of the Neighbourhood Plan and take a dispassionate non-personal approach which can be justified by the work you have carried out to date on the Neighbourhood Plan. **All WG's to send their paragraph to D. Kay by Friday 18th March. D. Kay to circulate the complete revised version to all volunteers for further comments and agreement at the next meeting on 6th April, and then the final document will be submitted to the Vale before their deadline of 14th April.**

N.B. All volunteers are strongly encouraged to send their own comments to the Vale as well, which can obviously be as detailed as you like and contain your own personal opinions. Because of the nature of our group it is appropriate for the NHPNP submission to be concise, agreed by a majority of volunteers at the meeting on 6th April and reflecting views that match those being documented as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

(5)Date of next meeting for all volunteers:

Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm in Seacourt Hall.