

North Hinksey Parish Neighbourhood Plan Minutes from Steering Group meeting on 11th May 2016

Present:

Voting members:

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

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

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

David Wyatt (Steering Group member, WG10 Chair)

Non-voting members:

Mairi Brookes (WG5 Chair)

Martin Dowie (WG6 member)

Charles Stone (WG4 member)

Barbara Witkowski (WG6 Dep. Chair)

Conflicts of Interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

(1)SEA Questionnaire:

D. Kay to circulate a screening opinion questionnaire about SEA requirements sent to us by the Vale. We are not currently in a position to complete this but should do so once our draft policies have been agreed more firmly and in more detail.

(2)Review of draft policies and community actions:

All Working Groups except WG2 had produced draft policies and community actions which were reviewed in the meeting. The next step is for a further review of these within Working Groups in line with the points raised.

Overall there is a need for a clearer distinction between those statements that can realistically result in a draft policy and those where a community action is a more appropriate method of dealing with the issue.

Revised draft policies and community actions to be sent to D.Kay by 11th June for circulation to all volunteers to allow time for review and suggestions before the next volunteers meeting. At that meeting there will be further review of these and preparation for the next public feedback event.

Some (but not all) of the suggestions from this meeting are listed below by Working Group.

WG1:

- Possible addition of a policy relating to the ratio of types of dwelling (e.g. affordable housing, other flats, terraced housing, semis, detached family homes etc.) that would be desirable in this area compared to the current position and known new developments.
- Question raised about how to deal with HMOs.
- Strong feeling that specific sites thought more suitable for housing should not be listed in the actual draft Neighbourhood Plan in line with advice received earlier in this process.

WG2:

- No draft policies or community actions received yet and no members present. Essential that a first version of these is produced and circulated to everyone urgently.
- To note proposed policy from WG4 on leisure facilities within commercial developments.
- Important commercial sites currently included in the overall 'important sites' list to be reviewed and added to.

WG3:

- Car sharing scheme noted as a community action not a policy.
- Suggestion on provision of cycle storage in employment premises that this should only apply to larger employers (size to be defined) not all employers. To be discussed with WG2.
- CPZs policy to include requirement that they are only to be introduced where the scheme is supported by a majority of the local residents who will be directly affected.
- Necessity for a section in the draft N Plan relating to the A34 and the highly serious negative impact on the most important sites within the parish if it were to be widened, which is one of the proposed options for improving traffic flow.

WG4:

- Meeting already held with WG6 and overall combined policies and community actions to protect and encourage both expansion and usage of social infrastructure and green spaces produced and circulated.

WG5:

- Requirements for hydrological surveys on overall identified specific problem areas probably better included under this WG rather than the two main 'development' topics (i.e. WG1 and WG2).

WG6:

- See WG4 above, but further work required to split out policies and community actions not covered by the combined policies/community actions.
- Further work needed on more accurately defining green spaces and identifying clearly (by name and location on map) the most important sites.

(3) Date of next meeting for all volunteers and public feedback event:

Volunteers meeting - **Wednesday 22nd June** at 7.30pm in Seacourt Hall Upper Room.

Public feedback event on draft policies and community actions – **Saturday 9th July** from around 9.30am to 3.00pm in Seacourt Hall. Further details TBA and D.Kay to write an article for the July edition of The Sprout plus arrange inclusion on various local websites.