

## **North Hinksey Parish Neighbourhood Plan Minutes from Steering Group meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

### **Present:**

Voting members:

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

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

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

Non-voting members:

Voirrey Carr (WG6 member)

Grant Nightingale (WG2 Dep. Chair)

Emily Smith (WG4 member)

Charles Stone (WG4 Dep. Chair)

Tony Wood (WG2 Chair)

### **Conflicts of Interest:**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

The meeting was arranged to discuss the draft documents produced by Working Groups along the lines of the Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan (<http://tattenhallpc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Tattenhall-Neighbourhood-Plan.pdf>). The intention was to discuss these internally before providing revised versions of these documents to Will Sparling and Ronan Leydon for their comments and further discussion at the next meeting. N.B. The notes in section (1) below do not cover all of the points discussed as the discussion was lengthy and widespread.

### **(1) Points raised by Working Group:**

#### **Working Group 1 – Housing:**

- Need to amend the numbers in paragraph 1 as 550 no longer the agreed number of houses for this area.
- Reference documents – need to add the Vale's Design Guide.
- Section 3, draft policies HS14 to HS16 may be part of our 'wishlist' and possibly community actions may arise from them but it is unlikely they could be enforced as actual policies.
- Possibly recommend a minimum floor area for new housing – UK new houses on average are considerably smaller than in continental Europe.
- Need to add in details within the introductory section of recent major housing developments within the parish (e.g. Tilbury Lane and Lime Road) plus those planned for completion in the next few years (e.g. flats in the Botley Centre redevelopment and housing on the Diocesan House site). Provide data on the increase in population caused by these developments alone over the period 2016 to 2020.

### **Working Group 2 – Economy and Employment:**

- Expand on information within list of business sites to include types of owners, where they are already recognised as strategic business sites, if in contact with owners what plans they have etc.
- Assuming that the Diocesan House change of use to housing has already been approved (needs checking?) that site should be removed from the list.

### **Working Group 3 – Transport:**

- Under community feedback and policies need to group within sub-topics such as cycling, public transport etc.
- Under justification and evidence need to add details about the very strong desire of parishioners not to see the A34 expanded as it passes through Botley because of the huge impact that would have on numerous important community sites (see Green Spaces and Social Infrastructure lists of sites).
- Also within that section of the document need to identify the general thrust of the policies being proposed (e.g. encouraging more cycling, walking and use of public transport to reduce the pressure on the road system and improve the health and well-being of parishioners).

### **Working Group 4 – Social Infrastructure:**

- Need to split out statutory provision items clearly (this should also be clear from the support document on health and education etc.).
- Remove no's 24 / 26 Eynsham Road from the list of historic sites as it is in Cumnor Parish.

### **Working Group 5 – Utilities:**

N.B. no members of WG5 were present so discussion was limited on this topic.

- Policy 2 – no planning permission is needed for solar panels if not very large scale? If that is true, then this should probably become a community action not a policy?
- Policy 3 – presumably there isn't actually enough room anywhere in N. Hinksey Parish for a large-scale project, so this policy would be irrelevant?
- Policy 5 -Thames Water already assess the situation and block developments when deemed necessary so is this policy necessary?

### **Working Group 6 – Green Spaces and the Natural Environment:**

- Useful to add in maps and to indicate wildlife corridors on these as well as green spaces.
- Consider building in a requirement for freedom of movement of wildlife within new development sites.

### **Working Group 10 – Brookes:**

N.B. no members of WG5 were present so discussion was limited on this topic.

- A document on student residences published recently by Brookes has been passed on to D. Wyatt. D.Kay to circulate it to all volunteers.
- Brookes have invited D. Wyatt plus several Parish and District Councillors to briefing meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> November to discuss recent developments in their plans for expansion of the Harcourt Hill site.

## **(2) Further actions:**

In addition to the above points, those Working Groups who have not already done so should review all relevant support documents used by the Vale in production of the 2031 Local Plan (see the 2031 Local Plan Evidence Base page on the Vale website

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-2031/evidence-base> ) to add to their list of reference documents and to refer to detailed content where appropriate.

**All Working Groups to update their documents in line with the discussed points and to send revised versions to D. Kay by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.** D.Kay to subsequently send these to W, Sparling and R/ Leydon for comments and further discussion at the next meeting.

## **(3) Date of next meeting:**

**Next meeting for all volunteers 7.30pm on either 5<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> December in Seacourt Hall** (to be confirmed once availability of the Hall has been established).