

North Hinksey Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes from Steering Group meeting on 22nd February 2017

Present:

Voting members:

David Kay (Steering Group Secretary, NHPC and WG4 member)
Andrew Pritchard (Steering Group Chair, NHPC and WG3 member)
Jon Rowland (Steering Group member and WG1 member)
Philip Stevens (Steering Group Treasurer, ex-SODC planner and WG1 member)

Non-voting members:

Amy Boyd (WG2 member)
Grant Nightingale (WG2 Deputy Chair)
Charles Stone (WG4 Deputy Chair)

Ronan Leydon (VWHDC Planning Officer)
Nina Merritt (VWHDC representative)

Conflicts of Interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. Local Plan Part 2:

RL provided an update on progress, the main points being as follows:

- There will be public consultation in March for the Local Plan Part 2.
- None of the content in the Local Plan Part 2 is likely to have a significant impact on the North Hinksey Neighbourhood Plan (e.g. no significant additional housing) but the detail will need to be reviewed to ensure that there are no conflicts.

2. Review of North Hinksey Parish draft Neighbourhood Plan:

This meeting was held primarily to review the draft plan based on RL's comments, which were primarily on the sections up to the Transport policies. RL to send DK a written copy of detailed comments ASAP including a more detailed review of the later sections. The notes below cover the main points raised during discussions.

Introduction / Vision Statement / Objectives:

- Recommendation that we split out the main details of the current Vision Statement to become a series of numbered Objectives showing how we aim to achieve our Vision, leaving a shorter, more generalised Vision Statement. RL to send DK the suggested wording for the revised Vision Statement.

Housing:

- Draw up a short summary table identifying key characteristics by sub-area and refer to the Character Assessment for details.
- Several elements are mentioned across a number of policies and it would be better to combine these under a single policy (e.g. Affordable Housing).
- Low Carbon elements should be transferred across to a Utilities policy – discussions needed between these WGs.
- Policy HS6 might sit better as a sub-policy of HS9. Nice idea about the special designation in HS6, but who would define this designation?
- Transport elements (HS7) should be transferred across to a Transport policy – discussions needed between these WGs.
- Leave in HS10 to HS13 for now to use as a negotiating tool but be aware that these policies will probably have to be removed before submission of the plan.

Employment & Economy:

- Need to split Seacourt Tower and the attached retail park as only the former is designated as a strategic employment site by VWHDC.
- Remove Diocesan Centre from the table?
- Low Carbon elements should be transferred across to a Utilities policy – discussions needed between these WGs.
- Possible use of some commercial sites for housing? Need to consult with parishioners and landowners to find out what they want, and would support.
- Policy EE3 currently more of a community action than a policy but it could potentially be developed further following meetings with OXLEP, Oxford City Council.

Transport:

- See Housing comment on transfer of transport related issues to the Transport WG.
- Possibly combine policies TR1 to TR5 into a single policy with multiple bullet points.

Social Infrastructure:

- Policies generally look okay (possible rewording so that they are more easily understood) but keep a close eye on the Local Plan Part 2 for potential impacts on these policies.

Utilities:

- See Housing comment on transfer of low carbon related issues to the Utilities WG.
- Agreed that money should be made available to move forward with a full report on hydrogeological issues. Possibly link with Cumnor N Plan to produce a joint report covering a wider area? RL to consider possible experts in this area and pass on contact details.

Green Spaces:

- Consider how to protect most effectively and link in strongly to the function of the site but maybe remove the 10% limit – for larger green spaces 10% could be quite a sizeable area.

Oxford Brookes University:

- Policies generally okay, but ensure that they remain consistent with the emerging Brookes masterplan.

3. Consultation Statement:

It was noted that an initial draft Consultation Statement had been produced and circulated by DK. Further detail will be added throughout the process but it was not reviewed at this stage.

4. Date of next meeting:

Steering Group meeting to be arranged by DK for late March. Next meeting for all volunteers to be arranged by DK for a date (TBA) after Easter.