

# Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Forum

## Coordination Group

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### Minutes of 22nd meeting :19/09/2016 – West Room 7.30pm

Present: Gill Bindoff (Facilitator), Norman Perry , Keith Jackson, Pepita Bianchi, Tony Powell, Pauline Harvey, Peter Richardson

Also present: Terry Jackson

1. Apologies for absence:- Rob Smith , David Cotterell, Rebecca Broadbent, Peter Richardson

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. Minutes of the meeting on 15/08/2016 – these were read and approved. GB wanted a short note to be added recording the fact that she had submitted the NPFCG response to the SODC Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation.

GB reported that the tverc report on Wildlife diversity in Watlington referenced in these minutes has been submitted to the Parish Council

[Action: KJ to update minutes and submit for publication on the website]

4. Update on traffic issues

There is funding of £4500 from Locality for studies into the impact of development sites and their combinations on traffic issues in Watlington. It is estimated that about £15000 would be needed to fund a complete package which would include the above, modelling of the effects of traffic management strategies in the Town centre and approaches and alternative route options.

GB and PR have met with SODC (Peter Canavan and James Gagg) to discuss NP issues: SODC are interested in similar traffic modelling studies for Watlington and may be able to assist with enabling the complete package.

In terms of managing the timescales for the outcomes of these studies and the creation of a draft plan PC advised that policies could be added to the plan at a later date although this is not ideal.

5. Wat8 discussion

The consultation on the outline planning application from Providence Land ends on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

It is expected that there will be separate responses to this from the WPC Planning Committee, WPC full Council and the WNDP.

The WNDP should not focus solely on the proposals as a standalone application but also consider how an integrated approach with other possible developments along the western corridor might yield benefits to Watlington especially through the enabling of an alternative route; rather than a piecemeal approach.

6. Site selection.

TP reported that the sites spreadsheet has now been updated from the results of the two DS workshops. TP also has the updated flood zone maps from the environment agency.

The DS meeting on Thursday will consider the sustainability objectives against the current sites spreadsheet. At this stage criteria resulting in a planning constraint against a site will be regarded as a 'red' designation with no consideration given to possible mitigation.

The meeting will also consider whether the criteria assessed so far capture the aspirations from

“What Watlington Wants” (The Aims and Objectives of the NDP).

Each site should have a descriptor – this has been done for most sites but some are outstanding.

There also needs to be a brief summary of each site.

TP is hoping to have a hand completed draft site assessment to demonstrate to the WNDP SC by the end of this month.

[Action: TP to send GB list of all sites lacking a descriptor]

#### 7. Other Updates.

Draft NDP:

NP is making progress with the draft NDP.

[Action: NP to circulate current draft to the npfcg]

Sustainability appraisal:

This is nearing completion PB seeking advice from SODC

Public Consultation:

Rachel Gill and Peter Richardson are working on a Consultation statement

Green Spaces document:

RB is progressing this

Watlington Design Document:

Terry Jackson has prepared a draft design document for Watlington which has been circulated .

TJ currently awaiting feedback

#### 8. Meeting with HCA

This meeting between the HCA, WPC Steering Committee , WNDP forum and representatives from the Pyrton NDP team will take place in the Town Hall on October 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am.

#### 9. Meetings with developers

There will be two meetings on 27<sup>th</sup> September between a joint WPC WNDP forum panel and developers: one with the developer of WAT11/12 and another with the developer of WAT1

#### 10. AOB

GB provided a reminder of the Community First Oxfordshire ‘Place Making’ conference on 8<sup>th</sup> November (13:30-16:00) in Abingdon.

#### 11. Next Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 19:30 West Room.