

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Coordination Group

Minutes of 20th meeting : 20/07/2016 – Town Hall 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies for absence:- Rob Smith
2. Minutes of the meeting on 20/06/2016 – these were read and approved.

[Action: KJ to arrange for publication on the website

KJ to check how recent the last WPC NP SC minutes publication is]

Matters Arising:-

The Swimming Pool group has met and is making progress on pool proposals

‘What Watlington Wants’:-

[Action:NP to draft up list referencing consultation 2 evidence]

3. Draft NP policies

These , their accompanying narrative, and the Basic Conditions statement produced by NP were considered and approved in principle. The basic conditions statement needs updating in the light of a later NPPF and should include relevant EU Biodiversity Directives.

It was thought that we require input from the WPC NP SC as a body on the direction and content of the Basic Conditions statements, the Draft Policies and the policy narrative, and not comments from individuals. To this end we need to have the drafts ready to provide to the WPC NP SC well in advance of the next WPC NP SC meeting (1st August).

[Action: NPFCG members to provide comments to NP on these documents by Tuesday next.

NP to complete drafts and add ‘draft’ watermark and send to the NP administrator for onward circulation]

PR wondered if ‘Neighbourhood Plan’ should be changed to ‘Neighbourhood Development Plan’ in line with terminology used by other communities.

[Action: This would need to be taken up with the WPC NP SC]

4. Review of Progress

Dev Sites:

The following are outstanding:

Review policy references in criteria narratives; sustainability criteria need to be included, and input from the traffic group also needs to be included.

Each site requires a assessment commentary

Availability also need to be reviewed as some sites have been added

Additional weighting may need to be given to small sites to distinguish between those which are 10 dwellings or less and those 5 or less.

GB reported on a meeting yesterday with the Trustees of the Watlington and District Care Home

Draft Plan: NP is progressing well with this see above.

Sustainability Appraisal: PB has this nearly complete.

[Action: GB and PB to meet and finalise the appraisal]

Traffic Assessment:

DC reported that two agencies are prepared to quote on providing a modelling assessment of a number of traffic scenarios. These would include traffic management schemes such as traffic lights, chicanes and a 20 mph zone, with and without an alternative route. The assessments would also factor in the impact of having the bulk of the housing allocation on the sites that would most likely deliver an alternative route (a mix on Wat 8,9,10 ,11 and 12). We may also ask for an assessment of the likely traffic impact of the proposed development on Chalgrove Airfield were it to be realised.
[Action: DC to bring traffic assessment plan to the next Dev Sites meeting]

Infrastructure evidence:-

The Thames Water Plan for Watlington should address the upgrading of Sewage treatment facilities to cope with the expected expansion of Watlington. Thames Water are currently undertaking a drainage strategy investigation of flooding issues related to waste water disposal in Watlington and surrounding villages.

PR reported on the latest developments in the proposals for the future of the Post Office

5. Roadshow Report.

Most attendees thought the WNP was moving in the right direction , it is encouraging that the criteria for site assessment had a considerable majority in favour.

There was also a significant majority in favour allocating those sites for development that could provide a relief road even if this might require additional housing rather than allocating the sites in the pepperpot model with a minimum (200) number of houses.

6. Meetings with Developers

Notes of the meetings have been sent to developers and some responses have been received .

7. SODC LP 2032 Preferred Options Consultation

[Action:GB to draft NPFCG response

All NPFCG members should respond individually]

SODC revised design guide :

[Action:NPFCG members to review this]

8. Future meetings

The previously notified August 10th meeting needs to be re-arranged

[Action:GB to circulate some dates]

This meeting was rescheduled for August 15th