

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Coordination Group

Minutes of 23rd meeting :10/10/2016 – West Room 7.30pm

Present: Gill Bindoff (Facilitator), Norman Perry , Keith Jackson, Peter Richardson, David Cotterell

1. Apologies for absence:- Rob Smith , Pepita Bianchi, Rebecca Broadbent, Tony Powell, Pauline Harvey

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. Minutes of the meeting on 19/09/2016 – these were read and approved.

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

4. Report from the meeting with HCA on 04/10 in the Town Hall.

This was productive. DC thought the current traffic related proposals were too dependent on the validity of assumptions that have been made about where the residents of the Chalgrove Airfield development will work and travel to.

However the drive around the Watlington area and subsequent discussions made the HCA very aware that developments in Chinnor, Benson and elsewhere as well as the proposed Chalgrove Airfield development mean a strategic traffic solution for South Oxfordshire needs to be considered.

The HCA appeared committed to assisting with alternative route proposals for Watlington.

There will be a further opportunity for engagement with the HCA on 31/10 at the Lambert Arms.

5. Traffic Update.

The 10K contribution from SODC for traffic modelling including alternative routes and traffic management is now available. Locality are also providing £4500 for site specific impact studies. DC is to write up a basic brief which will be sent to James Gagg at SODC for approval and will be submitted to four consultants including TPP (who carried out the pre-consultation2 traffic study).

DC has mostly completed the brief.

[Action:DC to complete and submit brief]

It may be necessary to organise a manual traffic count on Spring Lane in November as part of these studies to assess impact of Wat 3 & 30.

[Action: If agreed PR to coordinate this]

6. Meeting with Providence Land (WAT8) 10/10/2016.

Providence Land appeared more willing to engage with the WNDP to achieve a solution for an alternative route which could involve cooperating with other developers.

The notes for this meeting will appear on the NP Website after comments have been received from Providence Land. GB additionally reported that the NDP forum response to the WAT8 planning application has been submitted to SODC.

7. Meetings with developers for WAT1 and WAT11 & 12.

Productive meetings were held with JC Emmett (WAT1) on 27/09 and Archstone (WAT11/12) on 28/09.

The notes from these meetings will be published on the NP website.

8. Other updates.

Writing of NDP:

NP making progress with the draft and producing electronic format for the draft.

NP proposed that we should produce a leaflet summarising the NDP as many people will not be able to read the entire plan.

There was some discussion about including a 'readable' summary in the plan itself as well as the formal but less digestible planning content.

GB, PR and Rachel Gill are working on the consultation process on the pre-submission NP

Sustainability:

The Sustainability scoping report is not yet completed. A decision on funding from Locality is awaited.

Communication Statement:

PR and RG are cooperating on this.

Green Spaces:

RB still waiting for input from GB regarding Green Spaces

[Action : GB to provide input]

Site Selection Workshop:

There will be a site selection workshop comprising the WNDP Steering Committee, NPFCG and the DS group on 17/10. The purpose of the group will be to produce an initial draft list of preferred sites by considering the evidence represented by the DS site selection spreadsheet which shows how the sites perform against the current agreed set of criteria, sustainability objectives and the aims and objectives of the NP.

This list will be refined in the future by overlaying with traffic criteria.

[Action GB/TP/Terry Jackson to meet on 17/10 to complete the set of documentation required for this exercise]

9. AOB.

The WNDP SC meeting on 7/11 clashes with a Parish Council outreach meeting

[Action: GB to propose bringing forward the WNDP SC meeting to 31/10]

PR reported on a meeting in Brightwell-cum-Sotwell hosted by their NDP team which sought to bring together local NDP groups with SODC councillors and representatives in attendance

The Brightwell-cum-Sotwell planning consultant engaged to help with their plan gave a presentation in which he was critical of the way that Local Authorities handle communities.

As a result of this meeting SODC have agreed to host a forum on Neighbourhood Planning.

10. Next meetings: The next NPFCG meeting will be on *Wednesday 9/11/2016* in the West Room at 8.00pm – note this has been put back by 30 minutes to accommodate the DS group meeting on the same evening at 6:30pm.