

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting Notes
Wednesday, 14th October 2020, 9.30am
Held virtually via Zoom

Present: Richard Quarterman, Rayner Mayer, Katie Bailey (Consultant) and Rochelle Halliday (Town Clerk)

1. Welcome & apologies for absence

Cllr Cockarill was unable to attend the meeting. Richard Quarterman expressed his concern about Cllr. Cockarill not being able to attend and about the general low level of engagement taken by the Council. A request was made to discuss this matter at the next Full Council meeting on 2nd November. **Action:** Rochelle Halliday to add to the Full Council agenda.

2. Notes from the last meeting on 21st September 2020 & matters arising

The notes from the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.

The actions from the meeting were noted:

- Item 3c – KB to compile slides for Volunteer Group meeting (completed)
 - RM to devise format for recording evidence base (draft format completed)
 - RH to arrange meeting with HDC for RQ / KB (completed)

3. Update following Volunteer Group meeting on 29th September 2020

The first meeting of the Volunteer Group went well. Katie Bailey has set up a meeting with Alison Hewitt to discuss the evidence base for biodiversity.

Katie Bailey is working on a community asset plan.

Richard Quarterman will be in contact with the two new members of the Volunteer Group to provide background information on the Plan so far.

Katie Bailey requires feedback regarding the consultation process audit by 23rd October. **Action:** KB to send out a reminder email.

4. Feedback from meeting with Hart District Council on 8th October 2020

The first engagement meeting with Hart DC went well and no particular issues pertinent to the Neighbourhood Plan were raised, although Hart is conducting a conservation area review. The value of identifying gaps and site allocation was also discussed at the meeting.

5. Review of progress against overall timeline for each policy area

Gaps

The Steering Group discussed the preservation of local gaps. There is currently an application in Eversley parish to create a SANG, which would be close to the Yateley parish border. Most of the key gaps in the town are outside of the parish boundary, which means they cannot be protected though the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that the Local Plan provides sufficient protection in terms of gaps. The Neighbourhood Plan can reference the Local Plan and include more specific locations. **Action:** Katie Bailey to add to the Plan.

Climate Change

Hart District Council has confirmed that they should be able to offer some support in relation to the climate change aspects of the Plan.

Action: Rayner Mayer to send details of the schools' poster competition and residents' survey to Katie Bailey for inclusion in the Consultation Statement.

Vision & Objectives

The proposed amendments to the vision and objectives were agreed. It was also agreed to add 'including affordable housing' to objective A; to amend objective D to reflect that development does 'not add to the carbon burden' and to add the word 'identity' to objective G.

Community Ambitions

The Steering Group discussed the best way to present the community ambitions section. The current idea is that it would be a list of aspirations for the Council could take into consideration when planning their activity. It was agreed that this would be explored further at the next meeting. Ideas for spending CIL money should also be included. **Actions:** Katie Bailey to devise a format for the community aspirations and CIL funded projects. Rochelle Halliday to add to agenda for next meeting.

The Steering Group was very happy with the progress that has been made on creating a planning document.

HDC Screening

It is hoped that the emerging Plan can be issued to Hart District Council for screening at the end of November. **Action:** Rochelle Halliday to find out whether the Council wishes to review the draft Plan prior to submission for screening.

6. Call for development sites – discuss and agree whether this should be completed

The Steering Group discussed whether sites should be allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan. If sites are to be allocated, a call for sites would need to be completed, followed by an appraisal of the sites that have come forward plus a Habitats Regulation Assessment and / or Strategic Environmental Assessment may be required. The general view was that it may not be necessary to allocate sites, but the Steering Group agreed that the Council should be asked to make the decision. **Action:** Rochelle Halliday to add site allocation decision to the Full Council agenda.

The Motorright site at Vicarage Road has had potential development interest. The design of any development there could be managed through the Village Design Statement alone, although this would not influence site usage.

7. Date of next meetings:

- Volunteer Group: 27th October 2020
- Steering Group: to be agreed for November

The meeting closed at 11.02am.