



Joint St Helen Without and Wootton Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of the Steering Group (SG) Meeting Held on Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7pm Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre, Wootton.

Present: Carole Page (CP), Chair, Jan Banfield (JB) Vice Chair , Dennis Walton (DW),
Cllr Philip Painting (PP), Cllr Richard Bahu (RB), Andrew Lane (AL) – arrived later

Members of Public in Attendance:

Cllr Caroline Parkin (CPa)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Laurence Brockliss (LB), Kate Zarnecki (KZ), Rose Osbourne (RO), John Ashton (JA)

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests (PorPI)

No declarations were made other than those previously declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

KZ was thanked for producing the last meeting's minutes.

These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair following two alterations – P2, para 3 – have the word 'limited' control added.

P3, AOB – to add: as no comments had been received from PCS and SG re JB's manuscript the book will proceed to publication. (JB asked for this to be formally minuted).

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

c/f P2 Action : RB to liaise with Ian Bristow to resolve this issue as Wootton Parish Council is the lead council and Ian is the 'data controller'

After discussion it was agreed that RB would speak with IB and agree how the documents can be stored appropriately.

P3 Action: JA to arrange for information to be provided re number of homes etc in the reduced area as outlined in latest LPP2 maps. Completed

P3 Action : JB to include this information, and the NP buffer zones in the NPSG response
Completed

5. Matters Raised by Members of the Public

None were raised as the member of the public present was involved in the discussion.



6. Neighbourhood Plan Update

CP referred to Andrew Ashcroft, the NP Examiner's e mail regarding the meeting to be held on 3 April with the Examiner, Parish Council and VWHDC representatives. CP confirmed that the agenda and issues to be discussed were received on 26 March. CP will circulate the information to all after this meeting.

It was confirmed that the members of the SG did not have any input into the agenda as the meeting was called by the Examiner.

The issues raised by Andrew Ashcroft were relayed to the meeting for an initial discussion. It was noted that the strategic planning policies in LPP1 have not changed so there is no conflict.

P43 – Northern access road – this is acknowledged to be potentially superfluous to our requirements and could be deleted from the policy. Broader issues around road safety and future development will still need to be feature.

It would ultimately be up to the Examiner to determine what would be kept in and taken out of the NP.

The NP would need to be updated over the coming years in view of any future development prior to 2031.

CP referred to a pre meet on Tuesday morning prior to the meeting on 3 April when all of the issues can be discussed more fully and responses from the SG at the meeting can be considered.

It was confirmed that N McGurk will not be able to attend the meeting on 3 April. It is not known who is attending from VWHDC although they have been asked to confirm. If JA is able to attend the meeting, CPa said she would inform VWHDC accordingly.

The meeting felt it was positive that the Examiner is just asking for clarification around the main modifications between LPP2 and the Strategic Allocation Site.

(AL arrived).

Strategic Green Gap question –

Strategic Green Gaps are about preventing coalescence, protecting character, rural setting, identity and separation.

Gap 1 – Fields to west of Whitecross - does not feature in strategic allocation site but remains relevant because we are aware of the longer term development plans.

Gap 3 – Cothill and Dry Sandford - green space to be protected although it is not connected to the development of Dalton Barracks and prevents coalescence between two settlements.



Gap 4 – Lamborough Hill/ Honey Bottom Lane - not related to strategic allocation site and prevents coalescence between Wootton and Whitecross.

All remain relevant .It was felt it does not makes sense to take these areas out of the plan just because the area of development has been scaled back.

The NP Designated area covers a much wider area than that of the strategic allocation site at Dalton Barracks/ Abingdon Airfield.

Gap 2 – land south of Barrow Road, Shippon. – not related to the strategic allocation site but it is important to keep green space between Abingdon and Shippon to prevent coalescence and to retain identity, setting, character and separation.

Designation of parcels of land as local green spaces and planning practice guidance – no further work to be done as additional consideration given to matter before all detail placed in the NP. Where possible the response should be robust referring to the work fitting into the correct criteria.

JB suggested a potential need to rephrase what has been done to fit better into criteria the Examiner is looking at.

The work that has taken place can be reinforced using the detail from the consultation statement and LPP2 Inspector's comments regarding the green space at Whitecross and the Dalton Barracks playing field.

It was agreed that at the pre meet it will be necessary to discuss how the buffer item can be raised whilst addressing the issues of green space as it is not specifically referred to in the Examiner's issues paper.

JB referred to the LPP2 being the strategic planning document and NP being the sub strategic planning document.

It was noted that the green spaces are only protected as green belt at the moment and would be better to have the spaces protected formally as Local Green Spaces to protect them for the future.

Future timetable for examination question:

It would be good to have the NP made before the LLP2 but to be aware that the NP outcomes will not be binding on the LPP2 Inspector.

LPP2 outcomes will be binding on the NP.

We have sought to collaborate with VWHDC on the emerging LPP2 and strategic allocation site, yet these plans still do not meet the community's wishes.

The meeting discussed the question of strategy of responding to questions and seeking a commitment from VWHDC with regard to the NP.



CP asked that any comments/responses to the questions (that she will circulate following this meeting) to be sent to all by Sunday evening to allow everyone to see before the pre meet on Tuesday next.

7. LPP2 Update

The Meeting viewed the maps that had been developed by JA looking at the number of houses/density of housing on the area in question. The 1200 houses could be built within a reduced area than that proposed in the new maps. It was suggested that the parish council could consider asking the Inspector to have another public hearing with regard to the modification.

The consultation feedback from JB is on behalf of the NPSG.

Discussion took place with regard to the various green belt compatible features that a buffer could include.

The buffer would provide separation between Shippon and the new development and provide a clear demarcation between the new and old Shippon which is important to those that live in the neighbourhood.

After discussion the SG gave their support to the response drafted by JB to be sent. JB said that she would look to see if the wording suggested by D Churchouse could be incorporated into the response prior to submitting the same.

8. Next Steps/ Timeline

Next steps and timeline outlined above.

9. Communications and Media

WADS Newsletter – consideration will be given to adding an update following the meeting on 3 April.

10. Any Other Business

Responses received re LPP2 consultation – it is not known what the level of response is at present as the comments are not made public at this stage.

Next meeting – Wednesday 17 April 2019 –7pm Room F3 WADS CC.

Future meeting dates –

8 May, 29 May, 19 June, 10 July, 31 July, 21 August, 11 September 2019