

Draft notes of meeting of NP Steering Group held on Tuesday 29th March 2016.

Present: Sandra Gamble (Chair), Chris Thorne, Glyn Evans, Liz Evans, Eileen Hinton, Su Newson, Richard Scott, Steve Coxhead, Steve Barr, Mike Page, Julia Ford

1. Apologies: Pat Strowger, Nick Barnes, Paul Rayner, James Miles-Hobbs.
2. Minutes of last meeting 26th Jan 2016 were read out by Chair and agreed. To be emailed to all members.
3. Exclusion of press and public due to the need for confidentiality outweighing the public interest for disclosure – no members of public or press present.
4. Report by CT on Draft Plan Consultation 2015/16 – is a stand-alone document for the records and thanks were expressed to Richard Scott for his work on the responses and his report Annex 2 showing how each person voted. 26% is a reasonable response and is about the same as the initial consultation. In the final referendum only those residents on the Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote.

Q1. Housing Growth levels: Large proportion of replies want some development; similar support for those wanting under 50 and those wanting 50-75. Limited support for 75-100 houses. Responses tended to favour a slightly lower level than the Draft Plan's recommendation of 50-100. Agreed to delete reference to "54%" in paragraph below pie chart on page 3.

Q2. Settlement boundary revisions: 78% agreed but no clear feedback as to why 15% replied No.

Q3. Development Options preferences: a substantial majority 68% supported Option B (single Site 7) as first preference with 23% supporting Option A (Site 7 combined with Site 2). Options C (sites 3 & 5/6) was 5% and D (sites 3 & 2) was 4%. Responses from 91% supported site 7 in one form or another. Very low levels of preference for either C or D.

Q4. Other Possible Development Options: 90% respondents did not identify another option. 10% did, but little consensus on other site suggestions.

Q5. Proposed Plan Policies: 85% agreed with policies, small number of other concerns.

Q6. Other Possible Plan policies: majority 83% did not wish to put forward any further policies; however all points made were noted for further consideration.

Q7. Other matters or comments: 24% added comments including school access, traffic flows (to proposed sites and around village generally), parking, downsizers, housing growth in other villages, and the Conservation Area.

Letters were received from nine correspondents raising many matters with some common issues such as surface water runoff and risk of pollution of the Semington Brook, traffic, etc. These letters have now been replied to individually by the Parish Council.

The report was proposed for acceptance (with agreed amendment in Q1) by M. Page and 2nd by S. Barr, and accepted.

5. Public information on the report: the report will be presented to the PC at the next meeting (7th April) and if accepted will be put onto PC website, and a summary to News & Views (May issue) with link to PC website. Report and the Analysis of Responses Report (with agreed addition of number of households inserted) will be

put into the consultation sites eg shop, surgery etc. All present agreed with these action points, plus Gazette & Herald village column.

6. To consider Steering Group Meetings with site owners: after discussions, it was agreed that all landowners have had the opportunity to put their case, either at the public meeting or in written form. Agreed to write a letter to site owners, plus Site 14 which is a SHLAA site but was discounted in the evaluation process, enclosing the report and indicating that they may wish to consider the communities response. M. Page proposed, E. Hinton 2nd, and all except S. Coxhead agreed.
7. Next Stages of work:
 1. Assess implications of response for work on draft plan (commenced)
 2. Investigate which option to be taken forward (commenced)
 3. Consult with Wiltshire Council on Plan requirements (commenced)
 4. Further investigation of housing requirements
 5. Detailing of new policies to manage development on selected site
 6. Apply for further grant funding to cover costs of Environmental report
 7. Brief Consultant for Environmental Report to accompany Plan
 8. Consult with potential owners/developers of preferred Option
 9. Formal Consultation with Reg 14 bodies and other WC depts
 10. Prepare timetable for further consultation and submission to WC
 11. Rewrite Plan to go to further consultation and submission stage

The NP Core Group had met with our new WC link person Vicky Burvill, and some matters will need more detail or supporting evidence to add to the Plan.

8. A o B: none
9. Date of next meeting: T B A