

West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan meeting with Wiltshire Council Thurs 10th March 2016

Present WLNP: Sandra Gamble, Chris Thorne, Richard Scott, Julia Ford, Steve Barr.

WC: Georgina Clampitt-Dix and Victoria Burvill

1. Introductions and meet our new WC Link Officer - Victoria Burvill.
2. A Review of Progress on WLNP - talked through the progress, consultations, public meeting and analysis of the completed questionnaires. GC-D said that other bodies (apart from the big three statutory bodies) such as Highways should have been consulted during the process, but WC will check. All the sites have access problems.
The Draft Plan and analysis will become public at the Parish Council meeting on 7th April 2016. Representatives of some of the shortlisted sites have asked to meet the Steering Group.
3. Draft Plan Consultation Report – was presented showing the process and results.
4. Material points for discussion - There was a mixed response from the questionnaires on the number of houses, and it is important that the Plan shows that technical issues raised have been identified and considered. Note WC strategies in the Core Policy eg drainage concerns, and use in our plan for WC to look at. Sites 7 & 3 are SHLAA sites and there is pressure from developers, therefore important to include evidence in Plan in case a planning application is received before the Plan is finally completed. A brief for proposed development should be produced showing evidence of resolutions of any problems – for instance, how Site 7 might include parking for the primary school, access from the B3098 would alleviate congestion on the estate, and could also provide a green buffer zone between the two settlements of WL & ML. Some benefits for the community re village hall? Our policies may need amendment. WC will talk to colleagues re need for Affordable housing in the village. Questionnaire highlighted starter homes to buy, down-sizers, and WC brought up question of Self Build Homes.
5. Next Steps for Final Plan — WC will look to see if it is possible to waive full SEA/Environmental report in light of our comprehensive scoping reports. The Parish Council has not money and would need to apply for a grant if this report is required. WC will look at Grant Application form.
If the Plan has many changes, there would be a need to re-consult, so it is important that the consultation comments and other evidence is shown for site support – construct good evidence-based arguments.

Action – WC to reflect and give initial feedback on the process. WC to look at funding process.

CT – Identify issues which came through the consultation and construct Development brief using these.

Future Liaison arrangements - communication by email/phone in light of timescale.