

Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Zoom Conference Call

5:30pm on Monday 27th April, 2020

Attendees:

Julia Marshall - Chairman
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant
Anne Barrett
Clare Norton
Brad Gunn

Apologies:

Ben Richardson

- 1. Update of the Housing Group site assessments** JV showed the group the draft matrix & site assessment documents, which the housing group will be using to assess the sites identified by DBC and the SG, as potentially suitable for housing. There is some fine tuning of the categories to be carried out, in order for them to best reflect the needs of Bovingdon Parish.

The group is assessing 14 sites in greater detail and they will be graded on suitability using the 'assessment matrix'. 13 of the original 27 sites were rejected as unsuitable in the initial assessment process.

7 of the sites were from Dacorum's Call for Sites; the other 7 identified as potentially suitable by the steering group, have not been put forward by the landowners, as yet. 6 of these sites are within the village envelope/ High Street area. These sites may be suitable for mixed use, i.e. residential and business.

Action – ALL - agree a plan for approaching the landowners

- 2. Tasks for Each Group relating to Sites**

The Site Matrix and Assessment documents will be distributed to all the groups after the next HG meeting on 30th April.

Each group to look at the sites identified and feedback to HG from the perspective of their group.

- Business Group – are any of the sites suitable for mixed use (esp. High St sites); will any of the sites have a negative or positive impact on existing businesses; etc?
- Community Group – to look at environmental/heritage impact: particularly 1.6 Views & vistas; 1.10 Wildlife sites; any other impact on open spaces &/or community infrastructure?
- Transport Group - Impact on existing roads, pedestrian/cycle ways, parking and other transport issues.

**Action – JV to share finalised Assessment Sheets
BG, AB & BR to review sheets & feedback**

- 3. Feedback/Issues from each Group**

Community Group – A disused footpath runs alongside Hempstead Rd/Box Lane that has grown over. AB has contacted Richard Roberts to discuss the possibility of reinstating the footpath and widening to make it a pedestrian/cycleway. Safe crossing points would be needed.

CG also looking at Heritage designation and conservation, especially around Bovingdon Green.

Action – JV to send AB an assessment template

Housing Group – Concentrating on site assessments at present, not looking at design policies yet.

Business Group –

Transport Group – BR not able to attend meeting.

4. Update on DBC Timescale

It is not expected that DBC will be consulting on their Local Plan until the end of this year, perhaps November 2020. The already expected delay has been exacerbated by Coronavirus.

5. AOB

Meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Next Meeting – TBC

**EITHER: Tuesday 12th May at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall or
 Tuesday 12th May at 5:30pm by Zoom (Leaders Only)**