

Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Zoom Conference Call

5:30pm on Thursday 2nd July, 2020

Attendees:

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

Drop Box

AB received a message that Drop Box is nearing capacity. Issue raised about current hosting of NP Drop Box; set up by a member no longer in the Steering Group.

***Action – JV to copy contents to her own DB for safekeeping
JM to organise BPC setting up Parish Drop Box***

Housing Group Feedback - CN

The group has held 3 Zoom meetings.

In-depth site assessments carried out on 9 sites, capable of delivering the 390 units identified as necessary. These are:

- Grange Farm,
- Scout Hut,
- Duck Hall Farm,
- School,
- Yew Tree Farm,
- Batemans/Dentist,
- Bowl's Club,
- Halfway House,
- Parish's High St.

Also looked at Homefield site, as it is anticipated that DBC will earmark it in their Local Plan. Graham Barrett and Phil Walker will be talking to the landowners to assess the availability of the sites.

The group will be looking at heights & design criteria for buildings and working on developing policies. Suggest looking at recently developed greenbelt sites.

JV – will be reviewing at our criteria in view of AECOM's assessment of another NP's housing site assessment criteria. Consider removing 'Community Views' from the assessment grid.

BG – ensure that the potential for mixed use is assessed, especially for High St sites. School site has the greatest potential for mixed use.

Community Group - AB

AB – CG discussing designating Bovingdon Green as a conservation area.

Zoom meeting held with Tree Officer at DBC, Luke Johnson, regarding protecting the Oak Tree at Homefield with a TPO. The residents' views were surveyed and all were in favour of protecting the tree, although the tree itself is not of great quality.

AB contacted the Footpath officer at DBC, Clayton Rae, re the reinstatement of the ancient road/track from Newhouse Road (Duck Hall Farm) to Little Hay Golf Club, as a footpath/bridleway. No reply received as yet; suggested contacting DBC councillors Stewart Riddick and Gbola Adeleke to chase up.

Alison Gunn is currently adding photos to the draft report.

Action - JV to have a Zoom meeting with AB to discuss the report and policies.

Business Group - BG

Nothing new to report.

Action - JV to email comments on Business group v.11 draft policies to BG.

Transport Group - BR

Further detail added to comments on Homefield/Louise Walk for the site assessment

Next steps:

- Evidence justifying the need for a link road from A41/Hemel Hempstead to Chesham Road, beyond Bovingdon. Could have a policy to say housing development in Bovingdon and/or HH to fund link road. This may be hard to achieve with fewer than 400 new homes, but could be conditional, i.e. if more than 500 new homes or if Airfield developed.
- Policies identifying a new car parking site in the High St. Linked with the Business group. This ties in with the plan for development of the school site.
- There are lots of actions within the Transport section, need to prioritise them / link to funding from development.

Drafting Policies

All groups to look at examples in existing NPs and liaise with JV to discuss policies appropriate to Bovingdon

Consultation & Communication - *How and When?*

Once we have draft policies and have identified our potential sites for development, we need to consult with the residents. Aim to consult late September/early October. Current restrictions will make an Open Day event difficult.

- Website
- Social Media
- Open air display or indoors with pre-booked slots
- Webinar with Q&A session(s) – 30 people max
- Look at Zoom with 'break out rooms' for each topic

Future Meetings

Zoom whole group meeting to be arranged for August.

Action – JM to email group with possible dates

Meeting ended at 6.35pm

Next Meeting – Date TBC