

Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Zoom Conference Call

6:30pm on Tuesday, 17th November 2020

Attendees:

Julia Marshall - Chairman
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant
Anne Barrett
Brad Gunn
Alison Gunn
June Gossling
John Hislam
Sue Miller
Dave Stent
Neil Crockett

Michelle Hilditch
Ben Richardson
Pauline Wright (until 19.10)
Clare Norton (joined @ 7.25pm)

Apologies:

Graham Barrett
Paul Campbell
Gary Cullum

1. Minutes of BNPSG's Meeting on 13th October Over Zoom - Agreed

2. Matters arising

Little Hay – JV has checked the acreage. It is over 10 hectares which means it cannot be designated as a 'Local Green Space'.

Updated Policy Documents - JV was reminded that members of the steering group would like her to share these when new versions are created **Action: JV**

3. Group Updates

Transport Group

- Policy 4 – BG asked that the wording be revised. The emphasis should be on planning to reduce congestion not seeking to manage it. Consultation has revealed many complaints about the High Street and residents will expect to see forward looking plans to improve matters as a top priority.
- CIL Funding - Transport issues will be compounded as and when the housing stock increases. Our policies must look to the future and take advantage of CIL funding.
More people = more traffic = more congestion. Policy to be revised. **Action: JV**

Community Group – AB had circulated an update.

The following were discussed:

- **Green Spaces** - Confusion has arisen as to whether all the 90 hectares of 'green spaces' identified by the group should be categorised in this way for fear of giving the impression that Bovingdon has too generous a provision. JV agreed to clarify the status of parcels of land such as manorial waste, Fields in Trust, highway verges and advise whether they should be included or not. JH is concerned that green swards, however small, should be listed to protect them. **Action: JV**
- **High Street Improvement Scheme** – DS referred to a model produced in 2012. The group proposes that this could form the basis of a 10-year integrated environment and infrastructure improvement plan funded in part by CIL money. JV was asked how to incorporate this as an implementation policy which would then point the way for Dacorum. **Action: JV**
- **Proposed Footpath / Cycle Route Beside Box Lane** – DS has been encouraged by R Roberts, (HCC), to include this in the NP to add more weight to the argument.

Employment & Economy Group

- **Identified Business Zones** – The Parish Council has requested Article 4 protection for the Greinan Farm and Pudds Cross sites. JM said that now would be an appropriate time for a member of the NP to speak with the owners about our E & E policies. JM and BG agreed to prepare for and arrange a meeting. **Action: JM & BG**

Housing Group

- Molyneux Avenue Site – CN said the group is concerned that this site may be rejected because of contamination, putting pressure on the village to fulfil Bovingdon's development quota elsewhere. However, it was agreed that the Bobsleigh site, which was not included in DBC numbers, could provide the same amount of housing.
- Design Codes – There was no update on how these are progressing
- Listed Properties – MH has compiled a schedule of protected buildings. This information will be useful to the Community Group when they build a case for a Conservation area around Bovingdon Green.

5. Consultation with residents - NPSG will use a number of different ways of consulting residents on draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan as follows:

- **November Issue of The Villager** – This has gone to press and will be distributed door to door late November. The centre spread will outline Dacorum's Delivery Strategy for Bovingdon and BNPSG's role in responding to it.
- **Public Consultation** – The steering group had hoped to set up a display in the Memorial Hall early in 2021; however, continuing Covid-19 restrictions have meant that the consultation will, almost certainly, take place online. Each group was asked to prepare a draft presentation of its policies.
- **YouTube.** AB is waiting for a response from West Herts College. She agreed to follow up with her contact. **Action AB**
JV said that she had seen a couple of YouTube presentations on similar topics that had worked well and will share them with the group. **Action: JV**

6. AOB

- **Finalising the NP** – JV was asked how the final document would be assembled. She said it would comprise 3 parts:
 1. The substantive Neighbourhood Plan, including policies, JV will put this together based on our reports, etc.
 2. The Consultation Process document – Volunteer needed to complete. **Action - JV to send JM an example of one**
 3. The Basic Conditions Statement (which JV will prepare)

The Meeting ended at 7.35pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th December at 6:30pm by Zoom