

Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Memorial Hall

7:30pm on Tuesday 11th February, 2020

Attendees:

Julia Marshall - Chairman
June Gossling – Minutes Secretary
Clare Norton
Michelle Hilditch
Neil Crockett
Anne Barratt
Graham Barratt
Ben Richardson
Brad Gunn
Peter Jarman
Dave Stent
Paul Campbell
Phil Walker

Apologies:

Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant
Hannah Beauchamp
Alison Gunn
Hugh Schneiders
Geraint Whalley
Pauline Wright
Jenny Thomas
John Hislam
Carole Syms
Chris Davey
Steven Bowen

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2020

These were agreed. There are outstanding actions for JV & JM

3. Update on DBC's Local Plan & Outcome of discussions with Derek Stebbings (BNPSG Facilitator)

JM circulated an email addressed to DS from Chris Taylor, (DBC's Gp Manager Strategic Planning & Regeneration), summarising the current position as follows:

“DBC intend to publish the plan for our Scrutiny Committee in April and on to Cabinet in May prior to DBC's Reg 19 publication around May 2020.

In relation to Bovingdon, DBC is in discussion with landowners, HCC, Bovingdon Members and the Leader of Dacorum Council. The aim is to bring forward appropriate growth levels that will enable “place making” works to address some of the issues that Bovingdon experiences including education needs.”

In the email CT went on to say that the BNPSG is perfectly entitled to continue progressing its NP but that it may be a more effective use of its time to wait until the Local Plan is published.

Meanwhile, DBC commit to provide reasonable assistance whichever course the Group decides to take.

JM asked for the reaction of those BNPSG members present.

It was generally agreed that the Group should press ahead with its Action Plans rather than be on ‘the back foot’ when the 6 week's consultation period is announced.

Questions were asked about the scale of the consultation and whether an extension could be requested. JV was not present to advise on this but members thought an extension was unlikely.

Derek's Estimation of Bovingdon's Site Allocation

Based on a formula used by planning consultants, DS has calculated that Bovingdon's allocation is likely to be 330 over a 10 Year period, plus a buffer which could range from 10% - 20%. The overall total would therefore be up to 396 homes (approx. 40 per annum). This is only guidance and may be considerably short of DBC's figure.

4. Progress on Draft Policies by Group

All four groups continue to upload their amended policies and action plans to Drop Box.

JM to set up a folder for draft policy documents on DB home page

There are understandable overlaps, e.g. Transport and Community both include improved cycle paths in their plans. JM said that this was not a problem and that JV would help to dovetail these themes into the final Neighbourhood Plan document.

Re possible site allocations, JM has used the SHLAA survey conducted by Dacorum, (copy on DropBox), in 2016 to map the primary sites likely to be available and selected by DBC. There have been others added since 2016, which will also be mapped in due course.

5. AOB

Document Organisation in Drop Box

JM offered to improve the organisational structure of Drop Box and catalogue documents, JG has agreed to assist.

Meeting ended at 8.40 pm

Future Meetings

Tuesday 10TH March at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall AB & GB gave their apologies.

Tuesday 21st April as above