



ONWARDPLAN
MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON 10TH MAY 2016
AT 7.30 PM AT THE PARISH ROOM

PRESENT:

Stephen Blandford, James Harvey, Alison Tizard, David Stewart, Jeremy Fellows, Pam Verdon
Richard Cooper, Nicholas Frome, Philip James, Craig Worboys

APOLOGIES:

Gill Warsop, Guy Holmes-Henderson, Helen Fleming,

1. Minutes, declarations of interest

The Minutes from the 27th April were amended, a copy will be re-circulated and when approved a PDF copy will be uploaded to the NP website.

Craig was welcomed by Steve to the Steering Group as an OPC representative. He declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he lives quite close to the Deer Park. Pam will send him a Register of Interest form to complete. David will continue in the Steering Group as a volunteer.

2. Update from OPC

Steve reported that he had given OPC an update on the Plan progress and Notes of the two meetings with Hart and East Hants District Councils. He said that both Councils were supportive of the Plan and recommended that it is put forward for submission as quickly as possible despite the uncertainties of the emerging Hart Local Plan. Craig reported that Councillors had not yet studied the Plan in detail as they wanted to wait until the Plan was completely finalised. Steve asked him to arrange an informal meeting with Councillors as soon as possible to address any concerns as the Plan is almost finished and they will be very little or no further changes. Although there have been many changes to the Plan since Pre-Submission they have not materially changed the content.

3. Meeting with East Hants District Council on 3rd May

Steve handed out updated notes from the SG meeting with East Hants including comments from Vicki Potts (Planning Policy Manager at East Hants). Nicholas summarised the meeting and the indication was East Hants/Hart had no issues from their perspective in our plan proceeding to Submission.

In the East Hants meeting Vicki provided a summary of how the Local Plan is being formulated and the process for establishing housing numbers/sites for the Hart District including what these may be in relation to the ONW Neighbourhood Plan.

There had been a discussion about the possibility of the finalised Local Plan requiring more sites than the selected sites under the NP. East Hants advised that if more sites needed it was likely that a shortlist of suitable sites would be drawn up and the views of OPC sought as to any local preferences.

James asked for an explanation from East Hants on why they will now base their apportionment of numbers on settlements rather than as one parish. It was agreed that there will be a follow up

from the SG to reinforce points made by the SG representatives at the meeting and seeking confirmation from Hart that our plan when submitted would satisfy Basic Conditions in examination.

It would be asked if confirmation could be provided in writing that Hart were supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan as developed going forward to Submission and onto Examination. Vicki said she believed that such a confirmation would be forthcoming.

4. Status of progressing the Submission Plan

It was decided that the Steering Group would continue to work as quickly as feasible to submit the Plan to Hart. The Plan is almost ready and rCOH have started to prepare the Basic Conditions Statement and amend the SEA. James would like to reword a few paragraphs to make the situation clearer (1.9, 1.12, 3.14 and 3.15) and Nicholas welcomed his input. This needs to be done this week so that both rCOH and OPC can see the final version.

5. Mail Chimps and other communication

All agreed that it is necessary to inform the community about the changes in the Plan due to Hart's emerging Local Plan. A Mail chimp and online posts will be prepared by Nicholas and Alison and when approved by the SG sent out. It will outline the changes and the risks of delay and the risks of proceeding, and will state that the SG propose to continue and ask for public endorsement to do so.

6. A.O.B.

Pam asked for help to complete the document of Responses to Comments at Pre-submission which is needed as part of the Consultation Statement. Philip agreed to look at this and will ask for further help from the SG if necessary.

James raised the point that he (and the whole SG) had not been included in all emails regarding the redrafting of the Plan. Steve explained that whilst the working group involved in the redrafting were still working on the Plan it was not practical. However as soon as that work had been completed the SG had been forwarded the updated version.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 25th May 2016 at the Parish Room at 7.30 pm

Future dates of meetings:

Thursday, 9th June