

CHINNOR 2031

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Notes of Meeting NOM-21

Steering Group Meeting No.21

Date & Location: 9 March 2016, Community Sports Pavilion 7.00pm

Rev2: FOR APPROVAL

Attendees, Introductions, Apologies and Announcements

See Attendance List (attached).

Meeting Purpose

Progress review

<p>1. Minutes for Steering Group Meeting No.20 approved and signed</p>	
<p>2. Announcements Haddenham and Longwick Neighbourhood Plans have been withdrawn. Statements are available from both Parish Councils on their websites</p> <p>Haddenham Neighbourhood Plan: Lessons learnt from Haddenham's experience need to be followed up in due course. AVDC support for Haddenham's neighbourhood plan has been withdrawn after a developer appealed its approval. The full reasons for AVDC's withdrawal are not yet known. For further details see the Haddenham Parish Council Statement at:</p> <p>http://www.haddenham.net/newsroom/parish-council-responds-to-avdc.html</p> <p>Longwick Neighbourhood Plan: The Parish Council's statement is attached with an invitation to a Public Meeting on Monday 12 March. PH, SA, PHB will attend and report back on any lessons learnt</p>	<p>PH/SA/ PHB</p>
<p>3. Pre-Submission Plan Consultation report</p> <p>PHB reported that further printed copies were needed and that he had ordered another 100 printed copies for distribution. (The total distributed is now 510). Printing costs have reached £900 approx which is in excess of the budgeted costs of £765. The lesson learnt here is that printed copies are liked by many residents. Therefore we should plan to distribute the final report prior to the referendum to all household in Chinnor and need to budget accordingly (approx £5000).</p> <p>It was noted that a small number of email comments were received early between the Preview event on 6th Feb and the start of the Consultation. It was agreed that these residents should be advised of this and asked to resubmit their comments to ensure that they are received within the consultation period to ensure that the regulations governing the Consultations are met.</p> <p>Comments received at the Pre-view event (post-it notes) are all recorded and available on the website and so can be referred to as part of the Consultation Statement.</p>	
<p>4. SEA/SA</p> <p>Receipt of the screening opinion from SODC is delayed. CNP cannot proceed at present to engage a consultant to carry out the SEA/SA without the screening opinion from SODC. The situation in Chinnor is complex and the SEA/SA needs to be carried out by an expert practitioner. The objective is that the SEA/SA informs the Plan. Our NP process is correct but is out of sync with this objective because of our fast track programme and more complex situation. AA advised that CNP has to recognise that in addition to having to wait for the screening opinion, CNP cannot progress the Plan as fast as it might wish without taking into account the clarifications that will come from the decision expected in April on the Gladman appeal and the SODC appeal in the High Court in early May. It is recognised that it may be necessary to do a second round of consultation if there are major changes in the Plan.</p>	

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Attendees			Apologies		
	CNP	SODC / Other		CNP	SODC / Other
Cllr. Pat Haywood	X		Charlotte Colver		N/P
Cllr. Susan Ashdown	X		Andrew Henderson	N/P	
Cllr. Lynn Lloyd	X		Anna Reynolds	N/P	
Andrea Oughton	X		Chris McGuire	N/P	
Brian Fagan	X		Geoff Bamford	X	
Ian Wadsworth	X		Jacqui Sturt	X	
John Haywood	X		Marius Ciortan	X	
Peter Brook	X		Ruth Ruddock	X	
Andrew Ashcroft		X	Sarah Phillips	X	
			Zena Baker	X	

CC:

Liz Folley (CPC) (LF)

Written by: Peter Brook
29 March 2016

Approved:
Date:

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Public Meeting Monday 14th March 2016, 7:30 PM, Longwick Village Hall

Longwick-cum-Ilmer Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Parish Council has arranged this Public Meeting to allow residents and businesses to appreciate why at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th February, it was decided that the Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Neighbourhood Plan would be formally **withdrawn** from the Local Development Plan process.

The Parish Council took this major and unexpected decision on the recommendation of Wycombe District Council, further to the receipt of the Examiner's Report on the Submission Version of the Neighbourhood Plan by both Councils on 11 February.

The Submission Version of the Plan had been submitted by Wycombe District Council for examination on 8th December 2015 following the end of the six week consultation period. The content and recommendations of the Examiner's Report came as a complete shock, bearing in mind a 'Health Check' on the pre-Submission version undertaken by another independent and qualified inspector had concluded that the Plan was suitable to proceed to Referendum subject to some relatively minor changes.

The District Council assessed the implications of the Examiner's Report and took legal advice. The result of that was to issue its own Report with Recommendations to the Parish Council. An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was called at short notice so that the status of the neighbourhood plan could be known and provide clarification for how to assess the existing pending planning applications.

In short, although the Examiner did recommend that the Neighbourhood Plan could proceed to a Referendum, it would be on the basis of accepting significant modifications. In the view of the District Council, taking the Plan forward with those modifications would not achieve sustainable development. Indeed many of the safeguards built in to the Plan to limit the extent of development and make it dependent on improvements to transport provision and infrastructure would be lost. In the District Council's Report to the Parish Council, four possible courses of action were identified, from the regulatory powers governing Neighbourhood Plans.

1. Make the recommendations as set out by the Examiner's Report and proceed to Referendum.
2. WDC refuse the Examiner's Report, setting out why it fails to meet the Basic Conditions.
3. Rewrite the policies, re-consult and submit the Plan for examination again.
4. The Parish Council to withdraw the plan.

At the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 24th February, each of these options were discussed and after deliberation, the Parish Council unanimously decided to follow the recommendation of the District Council, to withdraw the Neighbourhood Plan.

This decision was not taken lightly. A great amount of effort had been put in to preparing the Draft and Submission Versions of the Plan, including the consultation exercises. A year ago there was a clear mandate for the Parish Council to proceed and the local consultation on the Draft Version of the Plan showed a great majority of support from those responding, about 4:1.

Wycombe District Council Planners will be attending the Public Meeting on 14th March to explain why it recommended the withdrawal of the Plan, and to answer questions on how development of the community can be planned in the near and medium future, incorporating the main objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan which gained such support. Your Parish Councillors will be there too. The Examiner's Report and the WDC Report on its implications are being made available on the Parish Council website. The Parish Council encourages you to attend the Public Meeting