

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING

28 January, 2016

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Present:

Ian Andrew	Peter Emmerson
Tom Baxter	Mark Haselden (Chairman)
Carol Cholerton	Neil Pearce (Planning Consultant)
Helen Crook	Clarissa Roberts
Andrew Dow	Roger Matthews
Elizabeth Dixon (Minute taker)	David Stephenson

1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Phil Applin, Martyn Luscombe, Martin Grubb, Neil Pearce, Richard Rose, John Scampion and Sarah Summers.

2) Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015 were approved as a correct record.

3) Chairman's Report

Mark Haselden reported that:

- The Core Strategy Examination had now ended after taking place over the last 2 week. David Stephenson had attended most of the sessions and would provide an update [Agenda item 4]. We may be facing 3 months slippage but initial indications are that the CS should not derail or materially change the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Although no additional housing sites will be needed, SDC will be allocating 'Reserve Sites' after the CS is adopted which could include sites in SE Stratford. The NDP could pre-empt this by allocating reserve sites itself but this would require additional consultation and would delay the process. This will be monitored. The intention is still to have the submission draft NDP and evidence ready for SDC as soon as the Inspector's report on the CS is finalised.

- Warwickshire County Council has published proposals for the A3400 Birmingham Road and a recent Traffic Summit was led by Nadhim Zahawi MP. There is public consultation from 2 February to 7 March with display boards at the Library.
See www.warwickshire.gov.uk/BirminghamRoadStratford
- NDP representatives had attended a presentation about this at the Town Transport Group meeting. The proposed solutions are different from NDP proposals but there is scope for compromise. The relevant NDP policy is attached for your consideration when responding to the WCC consultation.
- We are working on the consultation responses and DS will provide an update [Agenda item 5]. Two workshops have taken place with SDC, which has gone a long way towards addressing their consultation responses to the NDP. A compromise has been reached on shops proposals. A meeting has taken place with the bus companies and that policy is largely unchanged. Neil Pearce has given advice on the very extensive consultation responses from developers. The Housing, Town Centre, Infrastructure and Employment section of the NDP are nearing completion. We will then focus on the remaining sections and the overall presentation, which Peter Emmerson will help with. Andrew Dow asked if consideration could be given to using Hamlet Way for a cycle and pedestrian route if not to be used for vehicles as there is a connection over the canal bridge. This will be investigated.

4) Core Strategy

David Stephenson outlined the recent Core Strategy Examination sessions and a copy of his report is attached to the minutes.

5) Pre-Submission Consultation

David Stephenson gave an update on the Pre-Submission consultation and a copy of his report is attached to the minutes.

6) Housing Needs Survey

David Stephenson gave an update on the Housing Needs Survey and a copy of his report is attached to the minutes.

Ian Andrew asked for clarification about some text used by Warwickshire Community Rural Council in their report.

7) Next Phase/Timetable

This will be driven by the Core Strategy, but there is the intention to be ready for submission at the earliest opportunity after the Inspector's report is published.

8) Public Participation

There were no public present.

9) Any Other Business

Helen Crook referred to a press article about the Right to Roam law being repealed and asked if it would affect the NDP. Neil Pearce is requested to provide an update at the next Steering Group Meeting.

Helen Crook asked about open spaces at Tiddington Fields which David Stephenson explained.

10) To Note Date of Next Meeting:

At the Town Hall at 6:30pm on Thursday 31 March.