

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst NDP

Steering Group Meeting 23rd July 2018

Minutes

Present: Nancy Warne (NW – in the Chair), Matt Warne (MW), David Cook (DC), Lee Hatcher (LH), Annie Hopper (AH), June Bell (JB), Marion Cranmer (MC)

Observing: Andy Brierley (AB)

Apologies: Liz Daley, Tally Wade, Jeremy Boxall, Bridget Veitch

Declaration of Interests: No changes to the existing register. June Bell to provide a declaration to the clerk at the next meeting.

1. Co-Option of Volunteer

Annie Hatcher stepped down from the steering group, being unable to currently commit more time to the NDP project. It was resolved by unanimous vote that her role be taken on by June Bell.

2. TWBC

NW updated the group. We are still waiting for TWBC minutes/notes from the site allocations workshops held on 24/25th May and a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Statement of Common Ground between the NDP/PC & TWBC on Site Allocations. Steve Baughen (TWBC interim Head of Planning) would like the NDP/PC to agree which document would be the allocating document (Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan), but without the MoU and minutes, the PC and the NDP are unable to comment or, therefore, come to a decision.

Action: NW to ask Councillor Tom Dawlings to push for the MoU and minutes from TWBC

3. Housing Needs Survey

NW has sent the Steering Groups commentary back to AECOM for inclusion in the Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Housing Needs Assessment report. They will incorporate our edits and a final version should be complete in two weeks.

The TWBC housing needs survey is now available at:

http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/132256/711D8F912E166417E0531401A8C086E8_Tunbridge_Wells_HNS_draftreport_May_2018V4.pdf

4. June Exhibition

The exhibition had more than 200 visitors across the displays in Sissinghurst and Cranbrook. The postcard & online responses from the exhibition (deadline 31.7.18) are being collated and analysed by Liz, June & Annie, and results should be ready for the next meeting.

5. Policy Development

Richard Eastham of Feria Urbanism is reviewing our draft policies and has provided some interim advice on possible improvements to increase clarity for applicants & decision-makers. Still aiming for Autumn on Regulation 14 draft plan for consultation and submission to TWBC.

MC and LH stated that they had some photos that could be used as illustrations, including aerial shots.

Resolved: To hold a workshop on policy wording in August – date/time tbc. This will use the clarity tests from Richard Eastham, and include cross-referencing of over-lapping policies.

6. Parish Cake

Action: NW to write a short article on the message to the Parish that the first draft of the NDP will be open for their comments during the Autumn.

7. Stakeholder Engagement

NW & others had met with/spoken to the following developers at their request, to brief them on the emerging NDP:

- Berkeley Homes – Site 430 Turnden Farm “Phase 2” - discussion around possible S.106 to include multi-functional community/business space provision and improvements to footpaths and creation of cycleways between Hartley & Cranbrook. Problem with their Phase 2 as it would not be compliant with the NDP policy on Green Gap between settlements.
- Dandara Homes – Site 120 Mill Lane/Sissinghurst Road - they held a public exhibition on 17th July, as plan to submit a planning application soon. Residents neighbouring the site have formed a Residents Group in opposition to the proposals.
- Countryside Homes - Corn Hall - waiting for Persimmon to get full planning before submitting their proposal on this part of the allocation.
- Land Agent for site 25 off Freight Lane/Frythe Way – Taylor Wimpey have an option on the site & are planning to buy two properties in Frythe estate from Town & Country HA & demolish to enable access to their site.

- The Brick Kiln Advisory group met with Persimmon Homes, and discussed the possibility of the affordable homes being delivered by the CVLT. Persimmon are working on a more detailed plan of their development.

8. Feedback on High Weald Management Plan

Action: Steering Group members to each feedback via the AONB online form individually.