

Present: Nancy Warne (in the Chair), Annie Hopper, June Bell, Marion Cranmer, Jeremy Boxall, Lee Hatcher, Kim Fletcher, Matt Hartley (part), Liz Daley

Apologies: Bridget Veitch, David Cooke, John Smith, Matt Warne

Observing: Anneke Turner

### 1. TWBC LIAISON

No notes have been forthcoming from May workshops thus far. No draft MoU/SoCG received. NW has emailed Steve Baughen to remind him. No reply yet.

**ACTION:** NW to ask Tom Dawlings to see if he can help. Also ask Richard Eastham for advice.

### 2. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

After meeting with Sarah Lewis on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and the August 9<sup>th</sup> workshop, some policies were revised, see below. Page 19 and 20 of the Housing and Design policies have had their rationale added to and syntax corrected by Mark Wade.

**ACTION:** NW to email D.Dixon to ask for clarification on Gypsy and Traveller site allocations.

### 3. JUNE EXHIBITION FEEDBACK

Feedback which was collated by LD, Annie Hopper and June Bell was acted on (9<sup>th</sup> August) and appropriate amendments were made.

**ACTION:** NW to Feedback to Richard Eastham

### 4. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

i) Outstanding from August 9<sup>th</sup>:

- Comments from St Dunstan's questionnaire were reviewed. As these are already covered by existing policies, including CC03 and H3.2. documents received from St Dunstan's will be archived with the evidence base.
- CPRE comments received by email, from Lady Aikenhead. Need checking against policies thus far. **ACTION** needed – review at next workshop.

ii) Notes from 9<sup>th</sup> August workshop and policy revisions were reviewed:

- Suggested alterations to **Vision & Objectives** by Mark Wade

New objectives:

Objective 4. Suggest **CHANGE** phrase to 'urban and rural brownfield sites' as reads better and meaning becomes clearer.

Objective 5. Dispersed settlement growth based on historic settlement pattern was supported by public feedback. Wording only includes 'farmstead' and 'village', leaving out 'hamlet' and 'town'. But with all it could be too wordy and specific as an objective.

Suggest better to **say**: 'To ensure rural development is based on the historic settlement pattern.'

Or even better to say 'reflect' the historic.

A.Hopper pointed out that at the workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> it was agreed that the following two extra policies were to be added:

1. Social Inclusion .....this appears to be covered in a reworded Objective 2
2. Reconnection of employment with land use.....this appears to be covered in Objective 2 and Objective 8.

Jeremy B.: **ADD** 'enhance' to Objective 8 as 'protect and enhance' sits with NPPF.

**ACTION** : N.W. feedback the above comments to Mark Wade. All V&O and policy changes to be fed back to Richard Eastham once agreed.

- iii) **Affordable Housing** definitions have been collated by Mark Wade to be in line with NPPF, to form an appendix to H&D chapter.
- iv) **Housing & Design revisions** including some of AECOM HNA findings. Further work needed at workshop.
- v) Following feedback comments at exhibition **Eco Design Guide** has been revised by Mark Wade.

Jeremy B.: Elements are contradictory and may not be compliant with Building Regs.

**CONSULT WITH** Building Research Establishment.

**ACTION**: NW to ask Richard Eastham for examples of a Building Design Code

LD comment that large scale developers use TWBC's minimum building requirements as their standard and dismiss PassivHaus out of hand. Need to raise standards.

**ACTION**: NW to look at building regs. and ask Steve Baughen at TWBC if they are reviewing their building standards.

**ACTION**: NW to ask Mark Wade to talk to Bioregional Homes for their opinion.

KF stated that it is of paramount importance that the need for affordable housing to buy, which can be accessed by LOCAL people, is emphasised. This has been commented on extensively by local employers during research for the NDP.

Matt Hartley: Is a discussion about Market Space , eg. Shutting Stone Street for the Farmer's Market, part of the NDP remit?

Open space for this type of activity is already covered in NDP policies, the specifics need to be 'driven' by individuals in the community.

Lee Hatcher: **ACTION**: will investigate the above comment further.

**WORKSHOP DATE TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 6.00-9.00P.M.**

Agenda to include Landscape and Housing Design

Follow up on Objectives and Actions as above.

Action – AHo to book the Council Chamber.

## 5. PARISH CAKE

Articles have been written by N.W. about the NDP, K.F. About affordable housing and Mark Wade about the CVLT.

## **6. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

- Berkeley Homes have submitted a planning application. Public Exhibition on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. They are interested in feedback by the NDP committee after their last public engagement. Information on the application will be on the TWBC planning portal.
- N.W. Meeting with Philip Barnes of Sissinghurst Castle to update on NDP progress.
- Dandara Homes, no news
- Countryside, no news
- Land Agent for site 25, no news
- Persimmon, no news
- **KCC Highways**

L.D. : should we be contacting KCC Highways to set up a meeting about master-planning the road infrastructure in the light of potential allocations.

**ACTION:** N.W. to contact Vicki Hubert to set this up

Jeremy B., Annie Hopper, L.D. interested in joining this group.

cc. the email to Bridget, Sean Holden and Steve Baughen.

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.00pm**