

Planning Consultant Meeting Minutes – **Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann Neighbour Hood Plan**
6th Sep 2016

Attendees:-

Jo Witherden	Planning Consultant
Richard Tippins	Chair of NHPG
Karen Tippins	Project Co-ordinator

Purpose of Meeting:-

Provide Jo Witherden, Planning Consultant with Feedback on Framework & Next Steps – Mapping and First Cut NHP

Key points made:-

1. Challenging the Local Plan doesn't work; will have conformity issues; reduces chance of succeeding in the Referendum
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3. Transparency and Openness is key of NHP; need to check the TOR
 - a. Do they deal with Conflict of Interest
 - b. NHPG may have some members who have a Conflict of Interest with the NHP ie a professional conflict of interest
 - c. If this comes to light it will compromise the NHP
 - d. Members can't be seen from the outside to be perceived you are not wearing two hats
 - e. Steering committee membership review – can it continue with the current membership
 - f. TOR is there to help with Transparency – Declaration of Interest must be obtained from all members on Steering Committee
 - g. Need to publish minutes on Web-site to help with Transparency.
4. Bypass was drawn in the 2003 Local Plan – it was shown on the map – where as it is not drawn on the map in the latest Local Plan. It must be a 'saved policy' reviewed through the Local Plan. Bypass is not likely to happen in the lifetime of the Local Plan – therefore, must be a 'saved policy' reviewed through the NHP process
5. NDDC NHP link is Nicola Laslo
6. A30 Employment land 17.5 acres; 7 Hectares has planning permission for B1, B2 and B8 businesses – however, these business categories could have lapsed – could look at changing the 'class' eg 'D' Class.
7. A30 Employment land can be explored for other opportunities through the NHP. Ie Primary School?
8. If Local Plan has a bypass can't have housing development the other side of the Bypass – this is less likely to happen
9. Community Hall – this has been agreed to be on the current Youth Club, Cockram's site. This is Town Council owned land.
10. Recommend speaking with DCC regarding the status of the Primary School and also speaking with the Landowners – Persimmons, Tizzard regarding land in NHP area.
11. When speaking with Persimmons regarding A30 land; talk with them against a map, a diagram of the land. Does the land need to have a Strategic Environment Assessment?

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12. Melbury Abbas – projects – refurbishment of hall – what is the status of this project.
13. Confirmed that the Settlement Boundary is not an issue with Melbury Abbas.
14. Transportation is the key issue with Melbury Abbas, especially C13

Conclusion

- Jo Witherden to provide Karen with ‘Register of Interest’ form for completion by each NHPG Steering Committee members. There must be a review of the current membership to ensure no members have a perceived conflict of interest.
- Need to look into Locality Grant; initially obtained £7,000 may be able to ask Locality for second bid.
- Jo to working on re-organising the Framework Document – add a chapter for the A30 Employment Land/School. Will work a number of days in October to produce the first cut NHP.
- Next meeting need to discuss mapping who and how this is going to be done. Bernie Ede is the main map drawer and J Parker is responsible for the open spaces inventory.

Minutes by
K Tippins

7th Sep 2016