

Planning Consultant Meeting Minutes – **Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann  
Neighbour Hood Plan**  
27<sup>th</sup> May 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 Evidence Data Gathered for a  
NHP Framework Document**

**Key points made:-**

1. Purpose of the NHP is to add value to the NDDC Local Plan – not contradict or oppose.
2. Broadband is not needed in the NHP because the law changed with new houses
3. Traffic management – not really something for a NHP no policy is needed, but important to lobby County Council with a designated team
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5. Established key inputs into the NHP, which were:-
  - a. View from the Hill document
  - b. Enquiry by design document
  - c. Analysis results of NHP Survey conducted in 2015
6. NHP must include maps which draw lines around all the green open spaces
  - a. Need to say why these open spaces are important
  - b. Can specify through NHP protection of these open spaces
  - c. Spell out on maps the linkages
7. Look into lobbying District Council for a Conservation Area Appraisal – unable to find one for Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann
8. The NHP can list other buildings that are of local importance that aren't listed, these can be placed in the NHP to get protected – giving these buildings 'added' status.
9. Policies/Objectives in the NHP must be evidenced based
10. Policies need to be understandable
11. What does work & what doesn't work in a Policy
12. Need to review the 'Safe Policies' in the appendix of the Local Plan and put these into the NHP (the Saved Policies are in the Local Plan).
13. Document needs to read as a 'whole' document; NHPG need to establish which safe policies they feel passionate about
14. Town Centre – the submission by James Hughes implies a desire to change the Town Centre boundary
15. Cattle Market is owned by NDDC – prime development site
16. Parking – need to justify more parking; NDDC have stated that there is enough parking allocation – need a parking assessment to prove that more parking needed.
17. A30 Employment land – need to lobby MP re: Local Enterprise Partnership to attract more businesses to this site

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18. Assets to Protect – are there any assets of community value – opportunity for community to buy it.
19. Housing – need to look at local register list for Gold/Silver/Bronze ratings – local people on the list for starter/affordable housing need.
20. Rural objectives/policies need to be re-worded – less generic and more solution focussed
21. Standards for open spaces/amenities – these are known as the **Field Trust Standards** LEAP and LAP per 100 metres; Allotments: 16 allotment provision per 1000 residents

**Conclusion**

Jo Witherden to use provided evidence based data and spend 1.5 days during week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to write a Framework Document.

The Framework document will then be immediately distributed out to NHPG for feedback.

Minutes by  
K Tippins

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