

## **MINUTES FROM NDP MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION) – 7pm CHURCH HOUSE**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Attendance: Mike Hobbs **MH**; Peter Male **PM**; Keith Baker **KB**; Julie Wheeldon **JW**; Rob Humphries **RH**

Tom Wheeldon **TW** (Volunteer Secretary)

Apologies: Georgina Kelly **GK**;

Other Attendees: 15 residents + 1 representative on behalf of local landowner.

The Chairman **MH** called the meeting to order, welcomed the public to the session and handed over to **KB** to guide the discussion on 'Update and Next Steps'.

### **1. Introduction**

**KB** informed the meeting that the NDPG had received a report from a Consultant, who had reviewed the previous evolving Draft Plan documentation and had made some observations/recommendations.

Taking the recommendations in to account, the NDPG wished to look at creating Policies for inclusion in the Draft Plan that reflect residents' wishes.

### **2. Policy headings**

**KB** distributed a list of potential Policy headings for discussion as follows:

#### **HOUSING**

HOU1 New Housing

HOU2 Housing Mix

#### **EMPLOYMENT & COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

ECF1 New Employment

ECF2 New Community Facilities

ECF3 Existing Community Facilities

ECF4 Broadband

ECF5 Tourism

#### **DESIGN, HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT**

DHE1 Sustainable Design and Character

DHE2 Undesignated Buildings

DHE3 Impacts on Natural Environment

DHE4 Flooding and Drainage

DHE5 Quiet Lanes

#### **LOCAL GREEN SPACES**

LGS1 Designation of Local green Space

LGS2 Development Affecting Local Green Space

## **TRANSPORT**

TRA1 Balanced Provision

## **OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS**

Eg Control of Works

The above typical Policy headings have been derived from best practice, and evidenced research data obtained through a range of community feedback initiatives during 2015-2019.

Discussions/Residents Comments in relation to each heading are recorded below in bullet point form. Some comments from the evening (as well as later comments) are also contained in the feedback from other Public Sessions and have not been overlooked.

## **HOUSING**

- All future housing development needs to be Sustainable/Affordable/Achievable.
- Location of development must be determined/approved through consultation with residents.
- Where NOT to develop should form the basis for WHERE to develop.
- If no appropriate site is identified, "Should there be consideration given to changes in the settlement boundary"?
- Development should seek to encourage the creation of a by-pass to the main conurbation.
- Development locations should be identified that help alleviate the traffic congestion experienced in the main conurbation.
- Develop appropriate redundant buildings without creating a negative impact.
- In order to provide a positive, sustainable increase to development the NP should seek to specify smaller sites to meet the obligations as specified by the Local Plan directives.
- Sites outside of the Settlement Boundary must meet with 'Exception Site' ruling.
- Policy required ensuring that a fully representative mix of housing development is specified.
- Based on ESBC directives, the requirement for housing in the Abbots Bromley parish indicates the need to be for older people.
- Younger people are unable to access financially affordable housing in the main conurbation.
- Consideration for 'Self Build' and 'Help to Buy' initiatives.
- Consideration for the development of Housing Association initiatives to give a 'first step' opportunity to younger residents. Apply a 'local test' for future occupancy.
- Development of 'larger' redundant buildings in to 'flat style' accommodation.
- A consistent viewpoint at this time reflects the desire to cease with creating 4-5 bedroom homes.

## EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Policies to be developed to protect existing community facilities.
- Seek to support/develop new community facilities.
- Promote an increase in small business opportunities (eg change of use to properties).
- Encourage more 'exclusive' business premises.
- Creation of high quality Internet Broadband coverage.
- Positive promotion of tourism to the region, and development of the facilities to support this initiative.
- Preserve existing car parks as they are critical to ensuring a form of off road car parking is available.
- Consider provision of more allotment facilities.

## DESIGN, HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT

- At least 'one' car parking space per bedroom in each new development.
- There is a significant negative impact on the parish (and specifically the main conurbation) due to Traffic & Parking issues.
- The Conservation status of the main conurbation must be protected.
- Production of a 'Local List' of Heritage assets for their future protection and to sit alongside the existing list of Listed Buildings.
- Design of future buildings to embody characteristics that compliment those of the Conservation status buildings.
- Preservation of landscape, village gateways, street-scene and 'classic' views into/from the main conurbation.
- Preservation of trees/hedgerows throughout the parish.
- Strong policies to protect/promote all wildlife.
- Stipulate 'Quiet Lane' requirements to ensure that the countryside lanes are not negatively impacted through future development.
- Consider basement style development, with 'light channels'
- Keep to maximum two storey housing.

## LOCAL GREEN SPACES

- Policies to preserve local green spaces (NDPG to establish comprehensive list for obtaining public consideration).

## TRANSPORT

- Policies to establish initiative for improvement to various transportation methods (eg Cycle storage; Electric vehicle charging points; Off street parking; Appropriate number of 'parking spaces to bedrooms' in a proposed property with a minimum of two spaces in any event.

## OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS

- There are a great many issues in relation to development that would benefit from having clear Policies in place (eg Control of works – times/deliveries/logistics for works vehicles and staff etc).

### 3. Conclusion

**MH** Concluded the meeting by thanking those present for contributing to the discussions. The responses from all 'Public Sessions' to date will be collated with earlier data and presented for further NDPG discussion.

It will be essential to share all information with the Consultant in order for work to start on production of the Draft Plan. The public will be kept informed of progress in this area, and wider public discussions will be programmed once the group have more detailed information to share.

**The meeting closed at 8:45pm.**

**The NDPG are grateful to all attendees for their valuable and insightful contribution during the occasions of the programmed Public Sessions.**

### 4. Agenda, date and time of next meeting

These minutes will inform the items for the next Agenda.

**ACTION:** MH to produce Agenda and distribute for comment at least 48hrs before the next meeting.

All **ACTION** points to be processed. If there are any problems in completing **ACTION's** get in touch with the committee for assistance ASAP.

Next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 7pm – Church House

**ACTION: TW** to book the room.

**IN ORDER FOR THE NDPG TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH THE INFORMATION TO HAND, THE NEXT PUBLIC SESSION WILL BE ADVISED IN DUE COURSE.**

**RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE NDPG AT ANY TIME BY CONTACTING THE PARISH CLERK, OR THE NDPG SECRETARY, CALLANDER HOUSE, BAGOT STREET, AB, WS15 3DA.**