

MINUTES FROM NP MEETING – 7pm Church House
3rd June 2021

Attendance: Paul Freeman **PF**; Keith Baker **KB**; Richard Love **RL**;
Julie Wheeldon **JW**;
Tom Wheeldon (Volunteer Secretary) **TW**

Apologies: Peter Male **PM**; Rob Humphries **RH**;

Other Attendees: Dr Chris Whorwood **CW** (PC Chairman)

“Any decision to establish future development within the parish (and more specifically within the main conurbation of Abbots Bromley) must meet with rigorous scrutiny of the available data and evidenced community need”

“The NPG are committed to following established National and Borough guidelines, whilst representing community opinion for the creation of an effective and robust Neighbourhood Plan”

1. Background

Due to Covid-19 restrictions affecting formal meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG), the last programmed meeting minutes uploaded to this web page were dated 5th March 2020.

Despite the restrictions, the NPG have still been able to communicate throughout via Email. With all gathered evidence to hand, a Draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was produced during the summer of 2020 with assistance of the Urban Vision consultant and ESBC Planning Department support officers.

Regular update briefings were given to the PC during 2020. A record of these briefings is available through meeting minutes on the PC web page.

Regular update reports have also been published in the quarterly Bromley Bulletin which is delivered to all parish residences by the PC.

The Draft Plan was formally presented to the PC early in February 2021 for consideration by councillors.

2. Discussion

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- monitor progress to date.
- discuss recently received communication from ESBC relating to housing need guidance that the NPG is required to consider for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

All attendees contributed to the comprehensive discussions. Observations of those NPG members not in attendance were presented by the group secretary.

3. Immediate Next Steps

In order to better understand the rationale behind the housing need guidance contained in the recently received ESBC communication, the NPG will write to ESBC with its own observations.

ACTION: **KB** Produce draft letter of NPG observations (once approved **TW** forward NPG letter to ESBC).

Post meeting note:

ESBC has responded to the letter of NPG observations. Further discussions will now need to be conducted between the NPG / PC and ESBC.

4. Future meetings

The NPG will meet as appropriate in order to discuss the continued production of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The NPG Chairman will provide progress updates to the PC in relation to such meetings.

In future, and for record purposes, the PC meeting minutes and the quarterly Bromley Bulletin will reflect all updates in relation to production of the NP.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL (VIA THE PARISH CLERK) IN ORDER TO ENQUIRE ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MATTERS.