



Bramshott & Liphook Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

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NDP Steering Group meeting Tuesday 15th September 2020

EXEMPT MINUTES

Present

Chantal Foo
Raine Ryland
Darren Ellis
Jeanette Kirby (Parish Council)

Also present:

Don Jerrard (Parish Council)
Eddie Trotter (Parish Council)

Meeting commenced at 20:10.

1. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting would be recorded both audio and visually for the purposes of the minutes.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments to the exempt minutes from the meeting dated 18 August 2020, these were proposed for approval by DE, seconded by RR, all in favour.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Housing Numbers

(a) CF outlined the scenario if a housing number had been requested at the commencement of the preparation of the NDP. The current status is that EHDC had now allocated sites in their draft Local Plan. Since then an indication of an approximate housing number had been informally requested from EHDC but the response had been very vague. CF suggested that the NDP group have now begun the assessment of sites that could potentially bring forward community benefits and this can be positively shown to the public.

There was extensive discussion as to whether requesting a housing number at this stage would allow the NDP to re-start the process of allocating housing within the whole Parish. The general view was that it would not be possible at this late stage as the currently allocated sites in the draft Local Plan had passed the first consultation stage and had already been approved by EHDC within their draft Local Plan. However, it was requested that full clarification be sought from EHDC as to whether a housing number would include the



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numbers already allocated or be in addition to those allocated by EHDC in their current draft Local Plan.

It was felt that it may be difficult for EHDC to calculate a housing number for an individual parish because they were working on a housing number district wide. The identification of a housing need in the parish may give a better indication of the potential housing number. There are several methods to obtain the relevant evidence to demonstrate the local need.

- (b) There was no agreement on whether to request a housing number from EHDC. This will be brought to the next meeting following any response from EHDC regarding current allocations, and the queries noted above.

6. Site Options and site assessment matrix, and potential site allocations

- (a) It was queried whether there should be a numerical assessment of sites on the matrix. CF pointed out that there was a written assessment on the AECOM, EHDC and SDNPA reports. The earlier matrix prepared by the NDP had used a scoring system using distance to facilities but that had been primarily for the purpose of assessing housing allocations.

The more detailed matrix was designed to assess a wider range of criteria including access and movement, potential for sports facilities, existing green corridors, climate change, impact from lighting, car parking for multiple users, employment etc. Access to a B-road had also been added and it was noted that neither Longmoor Road nor Midhurst Road were B-roads. This was felt to be important as the nearest A road was the A3 and there was a desire to avoid increased traffic congestion on the more narrow rural roads.

This would result in some of the matrix being assessed numerically, ie. distances to facilities, and some parts by written objective assessment. Therefore, the final assessment 'score' may be best achieved by colour coding in conjunction with an overall objective assessment.

It was agreed that this form of assessment would give the NDP greater control as it would identify sites that could provide the community benefits rather than the developers offering their own ideas. This should give the NDP enhanced negotiating options.

It was agreed that the revised site matrix would be used, incorporating the original results and using green, amber and red colour coding together with an objective assessment of each site put forward and assessed in AECOM's report. All in favour.

RR expressed thanks to CF on behalf of the steering group for putting the matrix together following the working party recommendations.

- (b) It was felt that the main potential sites are identified through the site assessment matrix and no agreement was necessary at this point.



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- (c) All steering group members volunteered to assist in identifying and assessing sites using the matrix.

The meeting ended at 21.15