



Notes on the Transport, Community Facilities & Employment Theme Group Meeting 1

Thursday 22nd September 2016
Great Bowden Village Hall

Present:

Tony Hipgrave (Chair), Karen Edwards (Consultant), John Coombs, Isabel Dupey, Natalie Holmes, Peter Mitchell, Bill Somerton

Apologies:

None

Introductions

All present introduced themselves

Introduction

TH cautioned that we need to be careful in the NP not to express demands which can only be met by 3rd parties beyond the PC/HDC. Examiners have been failing recent NPs for this. We can however express support for types of measures taken by developers to manage the effects of development on traffic, safety, amenities, local business etc.

Discussion on how Section 106 operates: HDC & LCC have the responsibility for delivering. S106 agreements are a mechanism for making a development proposal acceptable in planning terms that would not otherwise be acceptable. Contributions can include, community facilities, on and off site (if on site not deliverable) open spaces, highways, police, education. Amount varies depending on whether existing facilities are being upgraded (£400 – 500 per house) or new facilities are provided (£600 - £1000 per house). The benefit must relate to the new development although benefits can be pooled for up to 5 new developments for a large project.

Process to be adopted

KE suggested that the process that the group uses is to identify the issue, possible solutions and the evidence as to why it is an issue. KE made notes along these lines to produce a framework document relating to this meeting.

The issues will all have been identified from the Questionnaire Survey Analysis.

Notes on issues & possible solutions

Parking: residential & casual. New houses should not be built with tandem parking. Central 14 space car park could help visitor's casual parking.

Traffic speed & pedestrian safety: £300,000 will be allocated from the Airfield Farm development to GB for traffic calming. Introduce pedestrian crossings using different colored tarmac and/ or road pinching.

Reduce traffic: Close off Welham lane to four wheeled vehicles. GB school is full and there is no possibility to expand. Ridgeway and Meadowdale are virtually full so traffic flows are difficult to predict.

Community Facilities: With at least 120 extra houses (25% increase) to be built in GB, will need a 2nd hall for the village hall. A central business meeting room could be at the Community Pavillion. Will need good WiFi

New Advisory Committee Member: Bill Somerton agreed to join the committee.

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 26th October 2016.