

Great Bowden Neighbourhood Plan

Housing and Built Environment Theme Group

Thu 1st September 2016

Present

Paul Claxton – Chair

Annette

Nicholas Manners

Jenny Driver

Derek Doran – Your Locale

1. Welcome and introductions

Paul and Derek welcomed everyone, especially Annette as it was her first meeting and thanked them again for spending their time voluntarily working on the housing and built environment policies for the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Peter explained the background to the meeting and what we are hoping to achieve tonight, he explained that we have a demanding schedule of work over the next few months to get the NP policies agreed.

Paul also explained that an open meeting has been planned to feedback on the questionnaires and it was agreed it was important to proceed with the session if at all possible.

The issue of housing numbers was raised, Derek will confirm if the current proposal from Harborough DC is for between 54 - 83 OR 83 – 112 new dwellings over the timescale of the NP.

Action DD

Derek agreed to take and circulate the meeting notes.

Action DD

2. Notes from the 14th July

These were agreed as a true record.

Action ALL

Jennifer stressed that the key issue is that too many residential planning applications have and/or are being submitted due to the current weak policy position of HDC. Nicholas felt that the “design” of the new schemes are simply not in keeping, for example, three storey expensive units will look out of place. The Buftons brownfield site was briefly discussed.

Since the last meeting the Parish Council (PC) have asked the Secretary of State to “call in” the Berry Close appeal. The local MP Edward Garnier is very supportive of the PC’s position and has also written to the secretary of State.

Past delays with the NP process were aired and it was agreed that the group now needed to proceed as quickly as possible. **Action ALL**

The role of the HTG was reiterated and all agreed that the next few months would be an intensive and hopefully, enjoyable process. Annette confirmed she was looking forward to the challenge as she has recently retired from work.

3. The visioning exercise

The results of the exercise were discussed and Paul agreed that a clear statement or two would be useful for the next public session, he agreed to draft something.

Action PAC

4. The Programme Plan

A draft programme plan was circulated by Derek and discussed in detail. It was confirmed that the work of ALL the theme groups should be completed by early to mid-December 2016.

Action ALL

The key target date is to submit the draft NP to HDC by April 2017.

At that point the NP has some legal status.

5. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

6.30-8.00 Thursday September 29th at the Community Pavilion.

7.00 to 9.00 Thursday 13th Oct – venue TBC

7.00 to 9.00 Thursday 3rd November – venue TBC

7.00 to 9.00 Thursday 24th Nov – venue TBC.

Action ALL

Paul will circulate an agenda nearer the time.

Action DD & PC

Derek reminded everyone that clear factual evidence is required to justify the specific policies in the NP. He explained that for the next meeting he would provide;

- Land Registry data
- Census profile information

- Housing needs survey

Action DD

Paul stressed that everyone needs to read the information before the meeting, Derek confirmed he is always available if there are any questions or clarifications required (statistics are very detailed).

Paul showed the meeting the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) report on housing needs surveys document and agreed to circulate this for the next meeting.

Action PAC

Paul will discuss the desirability and need for the public meeting on the 16th and 17th September to proceed with his Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) colleagues.

Action ALL