

Great Bowden Neighbourhood Plan

Launch of Housing and Built Environment Theme Group

Thu 14th July 2016

1. Welcome and introductions

Peter welcomed everyone to the community facility and thanked them for wanting to get involved in pulling together the policy work for the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). He explained the background to the NP and what we are hoping to achieve at tonight's meeting.

Derek Doran from Your Locale outlined the role that they will be undertaking and explained that the policy work in the NP must be driven by local needs and concerns, a quick discussion on the links to Harborough DC's planning position was had.

2. Theme Group Process

The overall aim of the Theme Groups (TG) was outlined and Derek explained the remit for the three different TG's agreed with the NP Advisory Committee. Derek gave a brief discussion on the Housing TG, John from Your Locale explained the remit for the Natural Environment TG and Karen from Your Locale outlined the role of the Transport, Access and Community Facilities TG. After a few minutes of questions and discussion the three people from Your locale led a small workshop session for each of the three TG's to "launch" the policy work and agree the details of how the three groups would work as was required by local people.

3. Housing Theme Group (HTG)

Derek led a general discussion on the role of the HTG and how it would support the drafting of NP policies. Paul agreed to chair the HTG, a scribe would be agreed at the next meeting so Derek would write up these launch session notes and circulate them.

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The membership of the group was agreed as five/six people, emails addresses were taken and it was confirmed this would be the main form of contact and all agreed to share their details;

paulclaxtongb@btinternet.com Paul (Chair)

joecowen@clara.co.uk Joe

Nicholasmanners@ntlworld.com Nick

Richard.henwood@btconnect.com Richard

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Annette

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Jenny (will decide if she can afford the time commitment before the next meeting).

Key issues:

There are simply too many new housing developments being suggested, this will place too much pressure on existing infrastructure and services such as school places/parking provision. A sustainability exercise to “choose” the best locations for the new housing was agreed as an important requirement, clear aim will be to restrict housing numbers.

The results of the consultation exercise show there is a need for older persons and affordable housing provision, these could become priorities. **Action ALL**

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

- Land Registry data
- Census profile information

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- 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 PC

The overall need to act quickly was agreed, Derek agreed to supply the draft timetable for the work of the HTG for adoption at the next HTG.

Paul agreed to check that the consultation questionnaire is actually based upon the correct Parish Boundary.

Action PC

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.00 Thursday September 1st at the Village Hall.

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Paul will circulate an agenda nearer the time.

Action DD & PC