



Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group- (NPAG)

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2023 at 18:00 hours, Arlebury Recreation Centre

Present - Councillors A. Bean, B. Jeffs,
Sam Dalling, Gareth Rees, Jan Field.
Troy Hayes (online attendance)

Apologies- Cllr M Byrne, Lorraine Bailey.

Public One member of the public.

Minutes- F Simpson

AG22/015 **To receive apologies.**

Resolved: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Byrne & Lorraine Bailey.

AG22/016 **To approve the minutes and recommendations of the Neighbourhood Plan
Advisory Group meeting held on 11th July 2023.**

Resolved: That the minutes and recommendations of the NPAG Meeting held on 11th July are approved.

AG22/017 **To consider timescales for Neighbourhood Plan in relation to emerging
Winchester Local Plan and consider alignment.**

WCC had a cabinet committee meeting on 10th August to discuss timescales for LDS (Local Development Scheme). The scheme required a review to ensure that the Plan, which is taken to Regulation 19 (final stage of Local Plan Review), is ready to be assessed by the Planning Inspector. Several prominent issues such as Nutrient Neutrality and new data needs have emerged. NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) will also be affected.

Due to this NPAG discussed this revision and agreed continuation with community engagement and will maintain progress by continuing to research the Neighbourhood Plan. The Advisory Group will meet quarterly to ensure that the components of the Plan are achievable and align with the evolving Winchester District Local Plan. The next meeting will be 13th November 2023.

AG23/018 **Chair & members update**

The Chair updated the committee on work that members have been addressing since the previous meeting in July.

1. Business needs of the town.

It was agreed that a questionnaire will be constructed so that all businesses, including home workers can indicate their needs for future provision of working space. These results will be helpful when planning the industrial area at the lower part of the Taylor Wimpey Sun Lane development.

2. A good start has been made on construction of a Heritage List for the Neighbourhood Plan. This will now continue in greater depth and the group will consult with the Winchester City Council heritage officer.
3. NPAG suggested a Local Green Space (LGS) questionnaire to send to the various owners of sites. This would enable owners to offer a short presentation if required.

AG23/019 Review comments of Community Engagement Day and other public comments received.

Details of the consultation were not discussed other than to note that views of Alresford were prominently quoted at the community engagement day. NPAG suggested holding a photographic competition for different age categories next Spring. This will be advertised in the Forum publication and the council website.

AG23/020 To receive an update on the Heritage List

As noted in the Chair and member's update.

AG23/021 Public participation for twenty minutes to allow members of the public present to raise questions and make comments regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. Time will be allowed for any residents who could not attend the June 29th Community Engagement Day, to view maps and photographic materials.

One member of the public attended the meeting and commented on Barn Meadow SHELAA site. He asked NPAG which process or guidance they will use to assess this site as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

NPAG and its consultant advised that the process and guidance used will need to be in conformity with the NPPF, PPG including a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). There are a number of technical evidence base documents being prepared to inform the Neighbourhood Plan including (but not limited to) the Site Assessment Study and the Local Green Space Assessment. Given that the Winchester Local Plan is still emerging and not at an advanced stage, its policies and overall strategy are not currently confirmed. This has implications for the Neighbourhood Plan, its policies and site allocation process as the Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with the Local Plan (and the NPPF) based on current legislation. For example, the number of homes planned for New Alresford in the Winchester Local Plan will need to be confirmed through the Local Plan examination. As another example, the Winchester Local Plan's policy(s) on Local Green Spaces will also need to be confirmed through this process which may include local criteria which build on the NPPF and PPG. The Neighbourhood Plan and its evidence base needs to take these factors into account and ensure the Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the adopted Local Plan and NPPF.

NPAG stressed the importance that the evidence informing the Neighbourhood Plan must be sound and objective.

The meeting closed at 19.45 hours.

Next Meeting: 13th November 2023 at 1800 hours Alresford Recreation Centre.

Chairman.....

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