

Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group



Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting

Held on Wednesday 2nd July 2020 at 7:00pm via video conferencing due to Coronavirus Lockdown.

Those present : Dave Aldis (Chair), Alan Garmonsway (Deputy Chair), Sue Garmonsway (Sec), David Norbury, Chris Smith, Sally Duckett, Rupert Reid

1) Apologies for Absence

Peter McGeehin, Tim Lomax, Grant Tuff

- 2) **DN** – had received email from Simon Till of the Planning Team. AECOM had been delegated to post the planning notices for the Pirbright Site and had confirmed the deadline for comment would be 21 days after notices had been displayed and notices would contain the actual date. He did not say when the notices would be posted.
- 3) A discussion took place about the role of the NDP Steering Group in relation to the Planning Application from Homes England and if and how far it should be leading a campaign against the application. The Chairman confirmed that the primary remit of the NDP Steering Group, as set out in its Terms of Reference, was to produce the NDP report but that it could inform residents about the ways in which they could make their comments about the planning application to West Berks Planning team. The Interim Statement and Draft NDP represented the views of residents through its consultation activities. After further discussion it was **agreed** the NDP would release a position statement, as outlined by AG with some agreed amendments. This would be posted on the website, facebook, included in Compilations and appear on the information leaflet. A copy of the updated Working Draft NDP and the Feedback Data from the February Feedback Forums would also be made available on the website. It was also stated that outside of the NDP group individuals were free to take further actions on their own behalf to campaign against the application if they so wished.

4) **DA – Advisory Leaflet on giving feedback on Planning Application**

DA asked in view of DN's update should leaflet go out now or once deadline date for comments known? It was **agreed** that the leaflet should be distributed now rather than wait.

It was also **agreed** that the leaflet be A4 double sided to include the Position Statement and updated bullet points from the February Feedback Forum slide.

Some discussion took place regarding the contact details to go on the leaflet if people wanted to ask questions or needed help, currently this was the comptonsec email address but it was thought this was not appropriate some suggested having a mobile number but this would prove difficult to organise.

SD to update the leaflet and circulate to the Steering Group.

As time ran out on Zoom meeting it was agreed to convene again 3rd July, 7pm to finalise arrangements.

