

NDP STEERING GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on

24 September 2019

Present

Dave Aldis (Chair)
Alan Garmonsway
Rupert Reid
Aaron Smith
Chris Smith
Mark Smith (representing David Norbury)

Apologies

Sally Duckett
David Norbury

2. Review of Pirbright Interim Statement v1.2document

The document was reviewed page by page, and suggestions and clarifications made. These were debated with Aaron Smith, who will amend the report in time for the Parish Council Meeting on 7 October. In general, although there were some comments, it was agreed that the report was very well presented and professionally produced. **Action AS.**

3. Discussion on Next Steps for the Groups

It was noted that Homes England had retained the services of AECOM as an advisor. AECOM have requested a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss Homes England's planning application for the Pirbright site. Whilst it was noted that there were no objections to this, it was agreed that the meeting on 7 October should be used for final approval of the NDP Pirbright Interim Statement, and that AECOM should be invited either to a special Parish Council meeting to be held after that date, or the Parish Council November meeting. **Action DA.**

There was a discussion regarding the timetable necessary going forward. AS stated that this was to some extent dependent on when a planning application may be received and also the timing of any response by West Berkshire Council. Two specific aspects were discussed:-

- The 'conversion' of the Pirbright Interim Statement into the whole Compton document. A key feature here is whether or not the NDP Committee assumes that the Pirbright site accommodates all of the c140 new dwellings as specified in various documents. This may then eliminate the need to review other potential housing sites in the Compton village and simplify the process. This will be debated further at future meetings.

- The engagement of Compton residents needs to be refreshed. With the publication of the Interim Statement, this now gives an opportunity to re-focus resident engagement, communication and consultation. As a first step in this process, it was agreed that there ought to be a workshop of all Working Groups and advisors to scope out these issues in more detail.

The outline programme for the workshop would be a short presentation from each Working Group Leader followed by scoping out of future consultation approaches and timetable. A date of Wednesday 30 October (evening) was suggested at either the Village Hall or Wilkins Centre.

Actions:-

Confirmation of Date and Venue - **DA**

Preparation of presentations - **Working Group Leaders**

Communication of date with Working Group Members - **Working Group Leaders**

4. Any Other Business

The situation regarding the resignation of the current Secretary and the appointment of a new Secretary was discussed. At present there are no volunteers for the position, and it remains vacant.

Action – Working Group Leaders to keep their own individual folders of e-communications.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next NDP meeting was not fixed at this point. It will be kept under review following submission of the Pirbright Interim Statement.