

Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group



Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting

Held on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 7:30pm via video conferencing due to Coronavirus Lockdown.

Those present : Dave Aldis (Chair), Alan Garmonsway (Deputy Chair), Sue Garmonsway (Sec), David Norbury, Sally Duckett, Rupert Reid, Tim Lomax, Grant Tuff

1) Apologies for Absence

Peter McGeehin, Chris Smith

2) DA –Update on Reminder Activities on Planning Application

- Leaflets now out for distribution with additional ones at East Ilsley with Caroline Culver
- Banner is up at the Foinavon and others around the village
- Copies of Executive Summary and spare leaflets in Village Shop

Steering Group agreed that it had completed publicity activities to remind people to comment on Planning Application now it was just a case of encouraging people to comment via facebook.

SG reported that she had received a letter from WBC saying that the web page had been fixed.

3) NDP Objection to Planning Application

Discussion took place regarding format of NDP's objection to the Planning application. It was agreed that Aaron had done a great job on the Ojection Document for the Parish Council and the Executive Summary. DA explained Aaron's advice on the Michael Griffin Report and not adding it to the Exec Summary.

Proposed by **DA** Seconded by **AG** that the NDP Steering Group write to WBC to object to the Planning Application on the same reasons as the Parish Council, supporting their objection and attaching the Objection Document together with our current Working Draft NDP. This was **agreed** . **SG** to send the objection.

4) Email from Leila Bassett re SEA/HRA Screening Report

SG confirmed that the initial Strategic Environmental Assessment & Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report had been completed. West Berks initial findings were that a SEA & HRA were not required, however, a final determination cannot be made until the three statutory bodies (Historic England, Environment Agency, and Natural England) have commented on the SEA Screening Report. The SEA Screening Report is now subject to such consultation for a five-week period commencing on **Monday 20 July 2020** and running through **until 5pm on Monday 24 August 2020**.

5) Taking Draft NDP forward to Formal Pre-submission Draft Plan (Reg.14) Consultation

It is important that we use the time of this SEA/HRA consultation period to ensure that the Working Draft NDP is now completed – all outstanding evidence that has been requested i.e. photographs, evidence, Topic Papers, maps etc should now be completed and forward to **SG and Aaron Smith by the 24th August at the latest**. This will ensure that once the outcome of the consultation is known if no SEA

or HRA is needed we can move swiftly to the formal pre-submission draft plan (reg .14) consultation in September. This will give the Draft NDP more weight when considering planning applications.

DA, SG & AG to meet to discuss Consultation Statement and Evidence Checklist. The spreadsheet, identifying missing information and gaps in evidence will then be forwarded to members on the Steering Group to action.

6) A.O.B.

DN confirmed that he had written to Laura Farish MP to make her aware of Compton NDP and the Planning Application. He had received` an initial acknowledgement from her office and would circulate her response once received.

7) Date & time of next meeting – Tuesday 11th August 7pm via Zoom