

**NOTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TEAM MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN SONNING ON MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2020 at
2.00PM**

PRESENT: Jeremy Gilmore (Chairman NPSG), Rebecca Bullard, Nigel Borshell, Trefor Fisher (SPC), Andy Halliday (SPC), Mike Hart (Society), Bob Hine (Society), Bob Hulley, Gordon Jones, Lesley Bates (Minutes).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Tony Farnese (SPC).

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting which was specifically to deal with finalising the questions following feedback from the focus group. The introduction letter would be discussed separately, at a later date. Mr Hart put the questionnaire on screen as an aid. It was noted that some buttons were not working but this would be corrected separately.

QUESTIONNAIRE.

Section 1. About you

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| 1.1 | Suggested that age groups too wide. Change '40 to 69' to 40 to 54 and 55 to 69 |
| 1.4 | Little Glebe and Mustard Lane were missing from the list and were to be added. |
| 1.5 | There was nothing about the proximity to the airport or the pleasure of living close to the River. Proximity to transport links and River to replace item 11. Proximity to Golf Club to be added. |
| 1.6 | This was repeated in 3.8. JG would check is both relevant. |

Section 2. Current Housing Need and Housing Development

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| 2.0 | Mr Fisher felt that mentioning the site off Guarde Road, on Sonning Farm might put words in mouths and discourage any thoughts about other sites. The Chairman and Mr Hart would work on this. Mr Hine would ask WBC to update their Local Plan site as it was still showing other potential sites in Sonning. |
| 2.1/2.2 | It was felt that these needed clarified as it was unclear what was required. There was a danger, if given the choice, people would tick large houses. Affordable housing needed to be clarified, as no housing in Sonning was 'affordable'. The Chairman would work on this. |
| 2.4/2.3 | These were acceptable as long as definitions were included. The format for answers was different to previous sections but it was agreed to keep it to prevent repetition. |
| 2.11 | Point 3 'urban spread from Wokingham and Woodley should be changed to Woodley and Charvil . |

Section 3. Local Environment.

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| 3.1 | Planting more flowers should specify 'wild' flowers. Entering the village should be added but noted that SPC already doing this. |
| 3.2 | Mr Halliday said that the first question should be a statement. Mr Hart would change some of the wording for clarification. |

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| 3.4 | Some discussion about the questions, the Chairman said the results would indicate which areas parishioners valued most. It was noted that there were no dedicated 'bridleways' in Sonning and mention of this would be removed. |
| 3.6 | Berkshire Sports to be added to list. As would West Drive, the only area where all trees were subject to a TPO outside the Conservation Area. |
| 3.11 | Turn into 2 questions. What has happened and what worry's you. |

Section 4. Social and Community Facilities.

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| 4.1 | It was noted that there was no mention of allotments. The Glebe Gardens Allotments and the Alms-house allotments would be added. |
| 4.3 | Mixed age groups such as Scouts and Guides and Church Youth Club would be included as would all age group organisations such as the Scarecrow Trail and Regatta (both biannual). As there were implications attached to dedicating an asset as a Local Community Asset it had been decided not to follow this up. |

Section 5 Local Facilities and Businesses

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| 5.1 | It was agreed to change the format to 5-part answers rather than yes/no It was agreed to take the Mill Theatre and the French Horn out and the add Meade Park. JG agreed to do further work on this as there were other businesses that might be described as 'local'. |
| 5.4/5.5 | It was agreed that 'Local' meant 'Parish'. |

Section 6 The Sonning Conservation Area

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Section 7 Infrastructure, Travel, Transport & Communications

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| 7.1 | It was agreed to add electricity & water supplies and mobile phone reception/broadband |
| 7.3 | It was agreed that most new homes would have their own electrical vehicle (EV) charging points |
| 7.6 | It was agreed to add Wokingham Station to the options |
| 7.7 | Add - I do not use the bus |
| 7.9 | In penultimate box remove 'want'. |
| 7.14 | Parish magazine not included. |

Section 8 Allocation of CIL Money

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| 8 | Add Sonning to Sonning before CIL. |
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There being no other comments the Chairman thanks all those present and said that he would make the changes and circulate he would also work on the statements at the beginning and end of the questionnaire.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 18 January at 6.45 pm via Zoom