

**NOTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TEAM MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN SONNING ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2021 at
6.45 pm.**

PRESENT: Jeremy Gilmore (Chairman NPSG), Nigel Borshell, Trefor Fisher (SPC), Mike Hart (Society), Bob Hine (Society), Bob Hulley, Gordon Jones, Tim Pascall, Mark Saunders, Lesley Bates (Minutes).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Tony Farnese (SPC), Rebecca Bullard and Andy Halliday (SPC)

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

QUESTIONNAIRE VERSION 1.4. A revised draft questionnaire had been circulated and the Chairman said that he hoped he had captured all the changes suggested at the previous meeting and welcomed discussion on the revised version. The dates would be revised later.

The Chairman said that he had a long discussion with Mr Fisher regarding his concerns about the site off Garde Road and agreed that there should be a discussion about Mr Fishers concerns. Mrs Bates had asked for clarification from James McCabe and this had been circulated to everyone. Mr Fisher was concerned about the site being mentioned in the preamble, many residents would not know about the site and might tick this option rather than thinking about other possibilities. There were mixed views on this, including concern that if the explanation were left out people would need to look it up, but finally Mr Hart agreed to reword the preamble and circulate it for comments and Mr Fisher agreed, providing the wording were encouraging people to say where they would prefer any development. As not everyone had been able to look at the revised questionnaire the Chairman asked for comments as soon as possible but within a week if possible.

There was some discussion about the differences between rented property and affordable rented property (2.1) and if people knew what was meant by these descriptions (did they know their housing was affordable or just rented). The Chairman would check what these categories should mean.

The Chairman apologised and said that he had intended to include the map produced by Mr Borshell, showing green areas in the parish (3.5). There were some suggestions for other green spaces to be included (Readingensians, Reading Blue Coat School, etc.), there were so many green spaces in Sonning. Mr Hulley agreed to work on the map and make it rectangular to fit into the existing format and if other green spaces could be included without compromising the available space.

AMENDMENTS TO LETTERS A START AND FINISH OF QUESTIONNAIRE.

The Chairman asked everyone to review the two pages and provide feedback.

DISTRIBUTION, DISCUSSION WITH RESIDENTS AND COLLECTION OF QUESTIONNAIRES.

Mr Borshell said it was looking as if this could not be undertaken until mid-March, when there could be some relaxation of the Corona Virus regulations and Mr Hulley agreed. Mr Borshell did suggest that a letter might be distributed to every household prior to distribution of the

questionnaire to advise that a copy of the questionnaire would be arriving and that feedback was welcome. Mr Morrison suggested waiting until the draft questionnaire had been completed and to then agree a date depending on government advise. Mr Hart was concerned that there was a lot to do to ensure the questionnaire ran in parallel with the Local Plan.

The development at Grazeley would not go ahead and Mr Hine agreed to ask James McCabe if this would affect the progress of the Local Plan.

Mr Borshell asked if it was possible to 'plant' wild' flowers and it was confirmed that it was. The Chairman would send Mr Hulley a copy of Mr Borshell's map.

There followed a short discussion about having a fallback position for distributing the questionnaire. Mr Hart said that local co-ordinators would need to be appointed and he confirmed would be happy to keep a spreadsheet. The Chairman already had a sheet showing the addresses in Sonning, which had been used during the process inviting all residents to the initial open meeting. Mr Borshell had a list of 20 areas to be covered, which meant that each area contained around 30 houses. It would be important to keep a list of those houses that had received a questionnaire. The Chairman said that, for a stress-free delivery, a system with numbers on the spreadsheet linked with numbers on questionnaires would be needed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 8 February at 6.45 pm via Zoom