

**NOTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TEAM MEETING HELD IN THE
PEARSON HALL MEETING ROOM, SONNING, ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
2022 AT 6.15 pm.**

PRESENT: Jeremy Gilmore (Chairman NPSG), Nigel Borshell, Trefor Fisher (SPC), Mike Hart (Society), Peter Morrison (SPC), Lesley Bates (Minutes).

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Lesley Heaney, Bob Hine, Bob Hulley, Tim Pascall, Tony Farnese (SPC), Cllr Michael Firmager, and Mark Saunders.

MINUTES OF 1 AUGUST 2022. The Minutes, having been circulated, were taken as read and agreed.

Review of Public Comments Received at Sonning Show.

The Chairman said that those residents in attendance at the Show were in favour of a plan as such, but it was difficult for them to take a view as full details were not available. Mr Hart said that whatever the public opinion of the Bull Court proposal (site 1) was, if WBC put it forward it would be necessary for it to be in the Sonning Plan. Mr Borshell said that a new resident, living in the West Drive flats, had been appalled by the development going up at the Golf Club and had pointed out that the exit onto Pound Lane was an accident waiting to happen. That this fundamental flaw was obvious to a newcomer threw the wisdom of WBC highways into question. Mr Fisher asked about comments on the enclosure that had appeared on the Wharf and was told that they were mostly unfavourable. Mr Hart said that the people responsible for the enclosure were also involved in developments on the opposite bank of the River on Phillimore land. They proposed to offer moorings along the bank with access from the mini roundabout near the French Horn. Mr Hart said that Mr Woodward, Chairman of Eye and Dunsden Parish Council, had spoken to the people involved and understood that although they were not directly involved, they had said that the trees were dead dying or dangerous. There were plans to plant new trees, including cricket bat willows (a fast growing, straight stemmed variety as opposed to the weeping willow) in their place next spring. The Chairman was concerned that the moored boats would spoil the view from the Sonning side and Mrs Bates would enquire about mooring regulations.

Comments on the Plan Summary document and Covering Letter.

Mr Hart had invited comments on the draft letter and summary document that he had circulated (in word and PDF). This was to be delivered to households during October. A timeline rather than specific dates was to be used and the final document would include a mechanism to enable comments. Mr Hart said that there had been a tendency to infer answers in the Questionnaire, which might mean that redrafting was needed. Mr Borshell said there was still time to object to site 8. Mr Hart agreed to put the document online with a deadline after the open day on 5 November.

Distribution of Plan Summary to Residents.

Delivery was discussed with week commencing 17 October being chosen as it was the week before half term. The document consisted of 4 double sided pages (4 sheets) and would include

a map (on the back of the first page) including the settlement boundary. The Chairman would circulate the delivery table for volunteers to complete.

Neighbourhood Plan Draft Document.

The Draft Plan was on view online allowing comments and editing to be carried out.

Open Day.

The Hall had been booked for Saturday 5 November and would be open to the public from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm/ Set would be from 9.00 am unless the Hall was free on the previous evening (4 November). The Chairman would produce a rota. Mr Hart was in the process of producing a video showing each page individually and include a large map. This would be on continuous display via a power point loop, lasting no more than 3 or 4 minutes. some seating would be provided for those wishing to sit to view. Feedback forms would be available, and a box for collection would be provided. No refreshments would be available. The Chairman said that there was no need to circulate as everyone had confidence in Mr Harts ability to produce and excellent video. Mr Borshell suggested that objections should be highlighted followed by the policy to support these objections.

Other Neighbourhood Plans.

Other Steering groups had different approaches and Twyford and Ruscombe were forging ahead regardless of progress on the Local Plan, which had already missed planned deadlines, and Hurst were well ahead. Some Neighbourhood Plans Included sections on Police and Social Services. Mr Fisher said that he was aware that he needed to make some changes to Infrastructure. Mr Hart said that local changes and in government were likely to cause further delays, so it was probably best to go ahead but suggested waiting until early 2023. Mr Hart would send the link to the draft Neighbourhood Plan to Mr McCabe.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 24 October at 6.15 pm, in the Pearson Hall.

NB This has since been cancelled in favour of a meeting in Pearson Hall on Saturday 5th November at 10am prior to the public open day.