

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – STEERING GROUP MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016**

There were no members of the public present

Attendants

- Joe Harvey (JH)
- Penny Barry (PB)
- Harry Knight
- Jill Houghton
- Joy Keeley (JK)
- Jim Langridge (JL)
- George Longstaff (GL)
- Neil Pearce (NP)
- Lee Pound (LP)
- Elisabeth Uggerløse (EU)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been sent by Charlotte Randell and Guy Warner

2. CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE NDP DRAFT POLICIES DOCUMENT

NP had made the amendments as agreed at the meeting of Monday 15th February 2016 and these had been circulated

The Chairman proposed to go through each page to allow members to raise any concerns

- **Maps** – it had been agreed that instead of 1 map, the document would have individual maps, which would be numbered and referred to in the document. Document to be checked to ensure the correct map reference had been made.
- **H1** –
 - Concern was raised regarding the number of dwellings that could be included in the figures as at the hearing the appeal barrister had stated that some of the dwellings on Friday Furlong dated to 2006 and could, therefore, not be included.
 - Wording regarding the 87% respondents to be changed to read “ 87% of respondents to the questionnaire would prefer Bidford on Avon to remain broadly the same size” as this is more accurate.
- **H2**
 - Concerns were raised about what is considered a local connection – of the 4 statements, 3 were considered controversial. NP to check with the Housing Department and amend/or not, accordingly

- Concerns were raised that residents are not aware of what the term “affordable” means – NP to copy and paste the NPPF definition of Affordable Housing to the main body, and not as a footnote
- **H3** - Still await the Inspectors preliminary housing figures
- **H4** - concern raised about the wording in the explanation. It was agreed by the majority of the group that it could not dictate the mix to developers, other than what was stated in the Policy: two members unhappy at this
- **H5** - delete the last paragraph for the time being as the Kineton Inspector has raised concerns about the wording. NP fighting to keep it but the group needs to be aware it may have to be deleted for the plan to be acceptable
- **ECON 1** – A draft map of the Village Centre, showing the High street and the businesses had been produced and was approved. To be sent to SDC to produce a digital map
- **ENV7** - JL to include a summary of the key points of the Landscape Report
- **ENV11** – policy wording to be amended from “achieved within clear time limits” to “*within an agreed and reasonable time frame*”
- **AM3** – EU to find a replacement name for No. 9 Friday Furlong – suggestion is to use the main road through the new development.
- **AM4** – Delete Informal Open Space and rename it Local Green Spaces. A new map will be required
NP to carry out an assessment and check the wording on this in the NPPF – his advice was to ensure it is compliant.
- **AM5** – It has been difficult to find justification for a minimum garden size of 80 sq.m. However, there is some support for a minimum length of 10.5M, which is consistent with the local standards and requirements of the NPPF
- **Annexe 1 – CIL**
NP had been given a list – he would draft the policy.
JH gave her list before the meeting ended
GL to send his ideas
NP will have to check they are appropriate items for a CIL

3. LANDSCAPE REPORT

This had been circulated and was approved

4. CHOICE OF EXAMINERS

3 inspectors had been put forward – all equally good candidates. However, one inspector is already known to both NP and Matthew Neal at SDC and it was agreed she should be proposed. In the event she is unable to carry out the work, then Matthew Neal to appoint another so as to not waste time

5. SEA

After some discussion as to whether or not a SEA Report was required, it had been agreed that as SDC had not required one for the Miller Homes planning application, which is on the same site as the NDP’s Strategic Reserve Site, then the NDP did not require one either.

Lepus have been instructed to carry out a /Screening Out consultation with the statutory bodies: Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England. It should be noted that the final document cannot be submitted to SDC until the

Screening Out letter has been received

6. TIMETABLE

New updated timetable was agreed

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 4th April @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at a approx.. 9.00 pm