

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Meeting – 15th February 2017
Here are the notes and actions from the above meeting.

Those present: JM, AG, CR, DH, DC, CH, CF, MS, TB, JS,

Apologies: None

1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recently published Hart District Council housing numbers and the implications to Hartley Wintney and the Neighbourhood Plan currently under development. The discussions were aided by an email that Liz Bourne had provided prior to the meeting which outlined potential options that the Steering Group could take.

In summary these are

- a) Continue with the Plan "as is" and disregard the Hart paper
- b) Continue with the Plan but with a changed approach for the number of sites being proposed - either with fewer named sites or even an approach as used by Winchfield and Rotherwick of not identifying sites.
- c) Stop all activity and discontinue any Plan development

All Steering Group members were asked to state their preferred option and from this there was unanimous agreement that option c) above should be ignored. The rationale for this was that

- we need the support of the village on whatever we decide. Stopping activity would be an abdication of what we consider to be our responsibility
- Our consultation process has been good and robust and should be used to make formal recommendations
- It is unrealistic to expect no development over the next 15 years to be maintained and therefore having a Plan that details what the village considers appropriate would help manage any future proposals

Therefore options a) and b) were debated further and in conclusion option b) was agreed to be pursued using Liz Bourne and her expert planning consultant to offer additional advice to the Steering Group.

The option would continue to propose Wintney Court as a development site but not necessarily the other 5 sites who would all now fall under the new windfall site level (10 dwellings) that Hart have also announced.

It was agreed that obtaining the support of the Parish Council to this approach was essential and CF agreed to request this item as an agenda item to the PC meeting scheduled for early March.

Further contact would be made with Liz Bourne via email until the next SG meeting when a final decision will be taken and the impact on the current plan identified and agreed.

2. Next meeting date - The next Steering Group meeting including LB and BH is still scheduled for Wednesday 22nd February at 6pm