

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Meeting – 13th March 2018

Those present: CF, MS, JM, DH, LB, Becky Hopkinson(BH) and JS

Apologies: AG, CH, TB, CR, DC

1. The main purpose of the meeting was to obtain the views of LB and BH on the recent Regulation 14 comments and review these in the context of the on-going progress and understanding of the Hart Local Plan.

1.1 LB reported that Surrey Heath are unable to meet their proposed housing needs which will likely have an impact on HDC.

1.2 Part of the overall discussion focussed on the comments from HDC to the 3 proposed sites and in particular the flood risks raised by HDC and of James Farm being outside the settlement boundary. It was felt that there are mitigation arguments that can be applied for all sites and it was agreed that CF, DH and LB would follow up on this separately with Katie Bailey from HDC.

1.3 There followed a discussion on whether the Nplan should be modified in it's next version to use generic housing policies with the 3 defined sites still included but removing any reference to number of dwellings. This was considered appropriate by the Steering Group members present and LB/BH will update the document to reflect this.

1.4 CF advised the Steering Group that it has been agreed with the Parish Council that the list of Community Aspirations would be converted into an action log and held on the Parish Council web site for community awareness and progress tracking.

1.5 LB confirmed that she will make the appropriate comments to the developer/agent feedback that has been received as part of Reg 14 comments

1.6 CF has received a separate email from the owner of Lowfields requesting information on the process going forward with the development of the plan which LB has offered to provide comments on (copy of email attached).

1.7 There was a general discussion around the Murrell Green/Hartley Wintney strategic gap defined in the Plan document and LB confirmed that she will add more description around this and obtain a better picture to be used in the plan. DH offered to review the settlement boundary at the west end of the Parish with a possible view to having it redefined.

A separate email has been received from the HW Preservation Society concerning the new local policy NBE3 and whether it does not provide the same level of protection as the old policy CON22. This has been passed to LB for comment.

1.8 The impact of the new NPPF proposals was briefly discussed. This is thought to be minor at this time but will continue to be monitored.

1.9 Timeline - LB/BH will work on producing a new detailed plan by mid-end April. The next major milestone is the Regulation 15 submission which needs review/acceptance by the Parish Council before submission. The PC meeting in the first week of July was considered by LB as the most likely date for this although if possible this will be brought forward to the June PC meeting.

1.10 JS advised the Steering Group that more work needs to be done on adding appropriate comments/actions to the Reg 14 action log. It was agreed that a further follow-up meeting should be scheduled to address these.

2. Date of next meeting - a date is in the process of being agreed with the Steering Group and will be communicated shortly.