

Minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held virtually using the Zoom platform on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 6.00 pm.

Steering Group Members Present:

Nick Murry (NM) (Chair) John Scragg (JS) (Vice-Chair)

Matthew Short (MS)

David Mott (DM)

Dunstan Westbury (DW)

Declan Baseley (DB)

Ross Henning (RH)

Steve Perry (SP)

Fiona Williams (FW)

Robert Giles (RG)

Officers Present:

Andy Conroy (AC), Head of Planning Alex Cooper (ACp), Democratic Services Officer

Also Present: Andrea Pellegram (AP)

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Clare Cape and Jack Konynenburg.

63. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

64. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 03 January 2023 were approved as a correct record.

65. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The application for full planning permission, Former Wiltshire College, Cocklebury Road, was refused by the Northern Area Planning Committee at a meeting on 01 February.
- 2. NM noted that there had been some recent changes to the current planning application concerning Langley Park.
- 3. The consultation on revision to the National Planning Policy Framework remains open until 02 March 2023.

66. MEETING WITH WILTSHIRE COUNCIL LINK OFFICERS

NM, AC and AP met with Wiltshire Council Neighbourhood Plan Link Officers to update them on the progress of the Plan. The repeat of the Regulation 14

consultation was discussed. AC will send the revised Plan to them to review.

67. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA)

The Environmental Report has now been prepared (waiting for final sign off from Locality) and will accompany the original Pre-Submission Plan document at the repeat Regulation 14 consultation.

Steering Group members discussed AECOM advice over the level of biodiversity net gain required by Policy GI1. AC noted that he did not believe AECOM were suggesting a higher than 10% net gain, but that what was being suggested was amended wording which supported any proposals to achieve higher than 10% net gain in the Policy.

68. RESPONSES TO REGULATION 14 COMMENTS & AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES H1-H2 & E1-E2

H1

Members agreed the proposed changes to the policy and the draft responses to Regulation 14 comments received.

H2

Wording "in accordance with" retained, as opposed to "have regard to" in the first paragraph of the policy text.

Members agreed the remaining proposed changes to the policy and the draft responses to Regulation 14 comments received.

E1

Members determined to retain criterion c) but requested that wording be amended to refer to "durable, repairable and easily maintained" infrastructure.

Members agreed the remaining proposed changes to the policy and the draft responses to Regulation 14 comments received.

E2

Members agreed the proposed changes to the policy and the draft responses to Regulation 14 comments received.

Developer Contributions

Members agreed the proposed changes to the policy and the draft responses to Regulation 14 comments received. AC to send AP revised section to double check the wording is correct and easily understood.

Final Comments

Members agreed the proposed changes to the policy and the draft responses to Regulation 14 comments received.

69. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- To review and agree draft responses to Reg. 14 consultation comments for the EV charging policy (AC/AP/NM/DW to fact find/review before next meeting) and to amend the Plan accordingly
- To revisit the Vision and Objectives to bring them in line with revised policies

70. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be held on Tuesday 07 March 2023 at 6:00pm.

The meeting finished at 7.10 pm