

# **HORTON & WRAYSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **Steering Group meeting notes: Thursday, Dec 1, 2016**

**Held at Wraysbury Village Hall, 10am**

**SG Members present:** Margaret Lenton, Peter Lord, Diana Hughes, Eileen Coogan, Dawn Funnell, Fred Parsons, Janet Crame, plus our consultant John Slater.

**Apologies received:** Julie Gomme, Lynn Holden

### **1. Introductions**

The meeting welcomed Janet Crame who has been appointed by Horton PC to the Steering Group.

### **2. Policy NP/DG4 Residential allocation in Coppermill Road**

JS summed up the situation regarding this site, which is former Thames Water land between Nos 37 and 119 and is within the Green Belt, but surrounded by properties which are in a recognised settlement.

This site proposal has been put forward by Chiltern Green Homes and we had included it in our housing policies as a residential allocation for starter homes primarily for local residents, in anticipation of the Government allowing such in the Green Belt. Government housing policy should be clearer with a White Paper due in January, and the changes published to the NPPF.

Now, RBWM has included this site in their Borough Local Plan consultation as a proposal for residential development. This has thrown up a conflict as to whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) are needed to be carried out.

It appears the RBWM allocation does not need a screening, yet an officer at the borough says he believes our allocation does. Also, JS said he managed to get an ecologist's report which concluded that there would be no significant environmental impact that would arise from this proposed development. If we can keep this allocation through the Neighbourhood Plan it would mean we would have the ability to say what type of housing should be built.

JS to work with the borough to try to avoid having an SEA, which would have resource implications and could delay the NPlan

*\* After discussion, the meeting decided to keep the Policy NP/DG4 in the Plan.*

### **3. Pre-Submission Consultation responses**

The Steering Group went through the representations from statutory bodies and the comments from the public and, after discussions, recorded suggested changes to the draft plan.

It was agreed that the plan would refer to the existence of a number of Gypsy and Traveller families within the profile of the NPlan area. Also agreed that in the Design policy section to highlight the Character Assessment so as to inform on design approach in a planning application.

One change that needed a vote, was in Policy MP/DG1, the bullet point on parking provision. Suggestion was to include a table illustrating the Borough Local Plan's standards. Discussion on whether if those changed to require greater spaces it could work against us if the NPlan had a fixed list.

*\* Steering Group decided to include a parking standards table but with suitable proviso to allow for any changes at borough level.*

### **4. Next stages**

The Steering Group will meet again to consider how the NPlan looks following the amendments, and that all responses have been addressed.

DF agreed to update the NP with stated amendments - and PL to update the Comments & Responses document to contain all respondents and the group's responses.

Subsequently, there needs to be a Consultation Statement (which FP will organise) and a Basic Conditions Statement (JS to supply). These are needed to accompany the Submission Version of the NPlan.