

# HORTON & WRAYSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Steering Group meeting notes: Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Held at Wraysbury Village Hall, 10.00am

**SG Members present:** Margaret Lenton, Peter Lord, Lynn Holden, Eileen Coogan, Fred Parsons, Dawn Funnell. **Also present::** Robert Paddison (RBWM).

**Apologies:** Betty Marlow, Diana Hughes, Julie Gomme.

1. **Minuted notes of last meeting:** Accepted as a true record (proposed ML seconded PL)

2. **Review of the Feedback Survey on policy ideas**

Following the Open Day on April 9, the survey continued online via the NPlan website.

PL reported that we had 38 comments made online – adding that to the 180 who came to the open day to comment, made it around 11% response of households in the plan area.

While that number may seem a little low, RP said that it could be viewed as a ‘reasonable’ response, given that there was no big controversial development site plans to get residents flocking to comment, as seen in areas where large sites are proposed.

FP said that on an initial analysis of the comments, it was clear there was support for the design policy suggestions on developments or conversions - setting criteria for scale and bulk, and good design, as well as to be in keeping with the leafy green character of the street scene. It was less clear on how to tackle the problem of a supply of smaller properties. On that we would seek further guidance from our planning consultant.

Preserving green space and permitted paths got good support, as did bringing into use derelict properties. A big concern was around the vacant housing terrace opposite the Perseverance, as the entrance to the Green there is an historic gateway. RP suggested we might be able to designate it, particularly for housing that is needed in the centre of Wraysbury village. *This to be looked into.*

It was noted the SG needs to engage with the business community regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. ML suggested holding an event to invite our local business people at which we could explain the Plan and invite comments. Suggested this could be later in the year when we have the Pre-Submission Consultation period. An invitation leaflet could be sent to businesses.

3. **The Character Assessment**

LH has done a lot of work adding to the planners report.

*Need everyone in the group to review the latest update and comment.*

4. **Housing proposals on Coppermill Road site.**

We have had communication from agents acting for developers regarding a site at Coppermill Road put forward as a potential housing site for 27 units on land released by Thames Water under the reservoir. They ask if we would support it as an allocation.

General discussion was in favour as it is not in a main flood plain, although RP thought as an infill in a recognised settlement in the Green Belt it is rather large and that may be a problem.

EC said it was due to be discussed by Horton PC, as it is in that parish.

*Matter would be referred to our consultant for advice.*

5. **AOB.**

Issue raised of more space needed at St Michael’s Church Cemetery, Horton. The Plan may be able to designate land – *EC as Horton parish councillor to seek to liaise with adjacent landowner.*

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