

Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan

Notes of NPT meeting on July 20, 2016

Present: Peter Bloyce, David Botting, Alan Gibberd, Stephen Durman, Mark Oszczyk, Liz Bourne, Becky Hopkinson, David Whiter

Apologies: Vera Riley-Shaw, Will Sarell

1 – Public Comment

Action

The emerging policies had been open to the public for comment for two months, and was now closing. There had been four comments, two generally in agreement, with requests for an eastern bypass, improved public transport in Lychpit and questions about turning at Hatch Lane/the A30 at The Hatch. These had been considered in developing Traffic & Road Safety policies and objectives.

2 – Comments on Traffic and Road Safety

Plan-et's comments in Draft 4 and public comment were discussed and the following Priorities for Traffic & Road Safety agreed.

LB,BH

1 – footpath on Basing road

2 – improved path on Milkingpen Lane at the railway bridge

3 – Additional traffic calming point on Hatch Lane (proposed cycle route)

4 – Priority system at Swing Swang Lane out of Old Basing with improvement for pedestrians

5 – improved pedestrian and cycle access between Lychpit and schools in Old Basing

6 – electric speed reminders (20 mph limit outside PC competence)

7 – Improved cycleway between Black dam ponds and Greywell Road.

WS would forward to Hants CC

In Draft 4 the following amendments would be incorporated.

P 18 Objective 3 “Develop new footpaths through both railway bridges to improve safety....”

P 18 Objective 4 “To promote traffic measures to discourage ‘rat runs’ “

P 21 Key routes map

1 – Hatch Lane/Crown Lane/The Street/Swing Swang Lane

2 – Pyotts Hill/Milkingpen Lane/Five Ways interchange

The Heritage Walking Route was discarded and protection of Canal sections would be part of Community & Heritage.

The call to improve public transport in Lychpit would be a Community aspiration.

A formal traffic study was not considered necessary.

3 – Comments on Environment and Green Spaces

Plan-et’s Draft 4 comments were discussed and the following agreed. **LB,BH**

P 19 Objective 1 would be deleted.

Objective 2 would be kept.

Objective 3 would be deleted. Because the Loddon valley was such a sensitive area, the general text would be used to stress this. BH would also seek to add any other protected areas to the map of SINCs.

Objective 4 would be kept

Objective 5 & 6 would be deleted.

Objective 7 would be kept.

P 28 delete Policy EN5

P 28 AG’s proposal to strengthen this is at the end of these minutes.

P 31 Add the Loddon Valley to the Basing Fen SINCs. SD reminded the meeting of the Hants Wildlife Trust talk which listed protections to the Loddon Valley. The thumbnails from this talk would be sought.

P32 delete EN5. WE should examine the Environment Agency Conservation Plan for the parish.

BH

P33 4 green spaces had been listed including Basingstoke Canal sections, Hodds Lane Copse, Lychpit community area copse and the copse along Daneshill Drive. BH would try to discover from Land Registry the owner of the copse along Daneshill Drive. DB would provide locations to BH.

DB expressed concern about the copse along Bartons Lane. It was thought to have been a developer tree screen later handed over to Hants CC. BH & DB investigate. DB would complete a checklist for this fifth green space. This could qualify on the basis of tranquillity, wildlife corridor and archaeological interest.

DB,DW

P 34 "Protection and maintenance of local green spaces..." would be kept.

4 – Further comments

Comments on Community and Heritage and Housing and Design would follow.

On Housing it was thought that The Topiary (5 flats), Daneshill Court (10 houses?) and Pyotts Hill (9 houses?) would satisfy the small development criterion.

5 – Grant & Costs

The public comment flyer had been paid for (£220 approx).

6 – Next Steps

DW and PB were to meet the B&D mentor on July 26 at 2 pm. BH would also attend. Others were welcome.

DW also invited all members to forward comments on text by August 5.

DW would also meet BH to discuss other elements of text that needed correction.

7 – Next Meeting

Monday September 12 at 7.30 at the Parish Office. LB would forward Draft 5 early in September to allow read-through time. The resultant document (Draft 6?) might be adequate to present for screening.

LB

LB 26 P 29 AG's proposed wording to strengthen B&D's policy EM4 is as follows.

“Proposals that result in loss or harm to an existing area of wild life habitat shall not be supported unless proposed mitigation measures would result in an effective solution to ensure that the integrity of the habitat continues and wherever possible is enhanced after the implementation of the development.”