

Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Notes of Meeting 15th November 2023

Present: Cllrs David Whiter, Kate Tuck, Sheena Grassi, Roger Doust, Alan Renwick, and Kate Hope (Deputy Clerk).

1 Apologies: Cllrs Peter Bloyce, Murray Campbell, Francesca Maritan, Charlie Butfoy

2 Preamble

DW outlined the procedure for the Update, which is based on government rules (NPPF, housing numbers), &D Local Plan update & OB&L Objectives. The first two are awaited but the third is now finalised. Next will be the Questionnaire for resident response, re-writing Sections 1 & 2 of the 2018 Plan, Checking B&D Proposals (Reg 18), producing Local Gap(?), Iconic View changes & Local Green Spaces. ETP can then draft the Policies for submission, but will be informed as things progress.

3 Funding & Expenditure

There is an urgent need to clarify income & expenditure expected in 2023-24 and 2024-25. Budgets look sound unless extra work is added (Design Code £8K, Local Gap £3-5K) though more funding may be available. This year's funding must be spent by April 2024 but further funding may be available in 2024-24. This will be done at the Budget Review late November.

4 Consultant – ET Planning

Comments on scoping document

ETP advised that the Parish Council does NOT try to allocate sites for housing, & the current allocation expectation is 0 houses (reduced from 170), and hopes that this might remain the case with the new draft update.

They also suggest that the proposed changes are material modifications and will not be sufficient to spark a referendum, & that energy standards as an Appendix are not needed.

Amendments were recommended for Policies 3, 4, 5 & 6.

For Policy 7, the Design Code could be adapted from the current Village Design Statement.

ETP also suggest a Local Gap east of Pyotts Hill

AR mentioned the OBLEC Report for the EPH Committee (September 2023) with a drone video of the area referencing the rich Biodiversity). OBLEC had also promoted individual recording of 'species spotting' in the area and KT has actioned several biodiversity studies with BDBC funding which are in progress.

DW commented that Local Gap is concerned only with prevention of coalescence.

KT emphasised the importance of the wider areas on either side of this narrow stretch of the River Loddon on the valley slopes to create a more substantial natural habitat which can be protected for the future. DW said extending the Iconic views was aimed at this.

Objectives have been Finalised.!

Design Code

If agreed, the Consultants would work on this based on the Village Design Statement. KT felt it was needed to combat any further low quality developments like Cromwell Court around the area and devaluing the Conservation Area. It would need to have professional 'clout' to stand the test of the Developers.

Report Meeting with B&D Planning Department to ETPlan

DW has actioned.

Local Green Spaces & Local Gap

DW asked if the group wishes to go for a Local Gap Study, at a cost of £3-5k that has not currently been budgeted for. It was suggested that B&D will not take this suggestion seriously unless both OLD001 and OLD002 are developed, at which point OLD007 will become a significantly more important division between development. No recommendations could be made at this stage, due to the low attendance at the meeting

DW pointed out that the areas suggested previously as possible Local Green Spaces (to the east of Swing Swang Lane and south of Barton's Lane, known as Cowdery's Down) are already in the Strategic Gap, but KT said Strategic Gap does not necessarily prevent development so we should continue with both Ls proposals. KT also suggested 007 (the A30 site) be included in the Iconic Views. It was proposed that a Local Green Space application for this land would be worthwhile.

Next Meeting with ET Planning in January 2024

4 Publicity & Communications

Questionnaire

Final version has now gone to the printers and is due for distribution alongside Winter 2023 edition of Parish Council Newsletter, to all households, with prepaid return envelop.

Analysis of Responses

DW said analysis is a substantial task. He proposed each response be given an individually numbered and dividing the responses generally among the group for processing, to lessen the load.

5 Rewriting 2018 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors will rewrite a section each. DW will separate the electronic version into separate files for each contributor to work on, as follows:

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| Introduction NPPF, Consultation | DW |
| 2.2 Local Context | CB |
| 2.3 Environment | KT |
| 2.4 Demographic Data | ? |
| 2.5 Local Planning Policy | PB |
| 3 Objectives & Policies | ETPlan |
| 4 Traffic & Road Safety | RD |
| 5 Natural Environment & Landscape | KT |
| & Iconic Views | DW |
| Local Green Spaces | KT |
| Historic Environment | Repeat |
| Appearance & Design | Design Code? |
| Housing Mix | PB & CB |
| Photographs generally | AR |
| Appendix 1 Demographic Data | ? |

Appendix 2 CIL & Community Aspiration DW (drafted)

Appendix 3 Not needed if Design Code adopted

Appendix 4 Glossary Repeat

Appendix 5 References Repeat

Acknowledgements DW

6 Evidence Log

Consultant Scoping & Objectives

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7 Next Meetings

December 12th, January 17th at 11.00