

Stevington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (SNPWG)

Minutes of Meeting held 8th February 2017

Present: Graham Read (GR); Andrew Lockwood (AL); Linda Penney (LP); Heather Eadie (HE); Lucy Meakin (LM); Pat Olney (PO)

Apologies: Mary Morris (MM); Tricia Lennie (TL)

1. Minutes of 1st September were approved
2. It was agreed that liaison between the NP working groups of Stevington, Pavenham and Oakley would be mutually beneficial. All groups are at a similar stage of preparation of their plans, and there are a number of common issues. In addition, if BBC chooses the proposed Twinwoods site and/or other potential local sites for large developments (4500 - 6000 houses), there will be a huge impact on village infrastructure, especially the road system. If the three villages work together, they are likely to have greater influence on planning decisions. The planned development along the Oxford-Cambridge Arc will also impact the North Bedfordshire villages.

Action: GR to contact Hugh Jolly (Pavenham) to discuss liaison and sharing of policies.

3. Feedback from residents of small villages from consultation about NPs is a preference for a target of 10 new houses by 2035. If BBC impose higher numbers, against residents' wishes, this will be challenged and will impact the Local Plan.
4. The NP should include data on the existing road system in Stevington. Any proposed development should assess the impact on the road system, including the impact on adjacent villages.

Action: LM to speak to Sarah Bush (Parish Council responsible for Highways) to explore whether road baseline data is available from BBC Highways.

5. Dave Chetwyn (NP consultant) is keen the NP identifies possible sites where developments can be sited. The BBC 'call for sites' information covers only sites which can support 5+ houses; our NP has identified a preference for developments of up to 5 houses. AL has been working on maps to identify sites using GIS (Geographical Information Systems) but has encountered some problems. The maps and overlays are needed to identify potential sites.

Action: PO to put AL in contact with his opposite number in Oakley NP working group who has used software successfully.

6. Once potential suitable sites are identified, according to NP established criteria, a sub-group needs to visit and review all proposed sites (call for sites information useful here) to establish which ones are suitable, and why, and which are not because they do not meet required criteria. Photos of each site will also be needed.
7. As the NP will be reviewed every 5 years, it will be sensible to look beyond 2035. A timeline for development is needed to identify potential sites for development up to 2035 and aspirations from 2035, subject always to infrastructure constraints.

Date of next meeting to be agreed once maps are available.

Linda Penney
10th February 2017