



## **East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan (EHNP)**

**4th Steering Group Meeting, 7:30-9:30pm, 13th September 2016, 12 Main Road**

This meeting was convened to meet review the draft report on the Parish Survey and prepare for the next steps in developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

### **1. Attendance and apologies, declarations of interest**

The meeting was attended by Crispin Topping (Chairman) plus Sally Barksfield ; Andy Barmer ; Frances Clay; Anne Dunsdon ; David Rickeard ; Marcus Wood

### **2. Developments since the last meeting**

Since the last formal SG Meeting on 23rd May, the feedback from the Launch Meeting have been analysed and used in preparation of a questionnaire for the parish survey. The survey was carried out during July and the results analysed by CFO during August. A draft report is now available for review.

### **3. Review of the draft report**

The draft report from CFO was reviewed and key messages identified.

The Group were agreed that the report contained much valuable information and a number of very clear signals from the community that will help in formulating policies. The main body of the report is well laid out and the bar charts give a clear visual appreciation of the responses.

Members had already submitted some comments to CFO, particularly on the Summary section, but on review it became clear that there are numerous areas where we feel the key messages have been missed.

It was agreed to ask CFO to defer finalising the report until we could make some more comprehensive proposals for the Summary.

*ACTION: Crispin will pull out key messages which will also be useful for the public feedback meeting and convey these to CFO as quickly as possible.*

### **4. Implications for potential policies**

In going through the draft survey report it was noted that the questions and responses include the information to develop policies on future housing, but also some items that fall into the broader 'community policies' category. In some cases the responses identify concerns, but do not obvious answers, so will need some work to develop workable solutions. These items are important and must not be overlooked, however we need to concentrate initially on the policies relating to housing and planning which are the core of the NP.

David presented a summary from Blewbury's NP which seems a useful check-list of policy topics and questions. In going through the report we found numerous responses that addressed the same questions as Blewbury. It was agreed that the Blewbury questions would be a useful starting point to consider the views of East Hagbourne residents.

*ACTION: David to summarise the policy questions and identify those survey questions that relate to those topics.*

### **5. Review of draft Objectives for the NP**



Tom McCulloch had provided an example of NP objectives from Chalgrove. Many of these seem broadly appropriate for East Hagbourne. Again, Blewbury has some similar and well worded ideas which may be useful.

*ACTION: David will make a first draft, combining the ideas from Chalgrove and Blewbury.*

One item of disagreement was whether provision should be made for allocation of land for housing or other facilities. Infill may not be sufficient to meet all the expected housing required by the emerging Local Plan, also provision of housing could be used to fund facilities for the parish, if these are clearly identified. On the other hand, the survey results seem to favour infill. Such development needs more study and should emerge from implementation of the Plan and not appear as an a priori objective.

## **6. Planning of next steps**

it was pointed out that momentum needs to be maintained to complete a draft Plan as soon as possible

A meeting with David Potter, CFO's planning expert is planned for 26th September, 7:30pm at 12 Main Road. It was agreed that having a draft outline of our potential policies would make this meeting more productive.

The next steps identified by CFO are:

1. Establish objectives, consult with parish and amend as necessary
2. Draft policies, consult with village and amend as necessary
3. Complete character assessment
4. Prepares a draft NP document
5. Go through the statutory pre-submission consultation
6. Amend NP as necessary following the consultation
7. Draft other final submission documents: Basic Conditions and Statement of Community Involvement
8. Go through 6 week statutory final submission consultation (then the plan can go to the examiner)

There will also need to be discussion of whether we wish to allocate a housing site or not, and if so then a site assessment process will need to be factored in.

## **7. Preparation for public feedback meeting during October**

A public feedback meeting is planned for Tuesday 25th October in the Village Hall. It is proposed that this will take the form of a short presentation of key results from the survey (the summary prepared under item 3 will be useful here) followed by an informal discussion session. Posters of the survey results can be placed round the room and comments invited on their potential implications.

*ACTION: David to book VH.*

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