



**East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan (EHNP)  
7th Steering Group Meeting, 7:30pm, 20th April 2017, 12 Main Road**

This meeting was convened to discuss the status of the draft NP report, the discussions with SODC and to plan for the final drafting to complete a document ready for public review.

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

The meeting was attended by Crispin Topping (Chairman) plus Bill Barksfield; Sally Barksfield ; David Rickeard ; Justine Wood and for MtGG, Andy Barmer.

Apologies were recieved from Iain Duff ; Anne Dunsdon ; Marcus Wood.

**2. Regional Planning Issues**

Since the last meeting, the Green Gap appeal has been held and the inspector has ruled in our favour, dismissing the appeal by Grainger. Crispin showed the front page of the Oxfordshire Guardian prominently reporting the news. Grainger have until 2nd May if they wish to file dor a Judicial Review.

SODC's Local Plan continues to take shape and 'second preferred options' have been issued. East Hagbourne is listed as a 'small village' for which an indicative 5% housing growth is expected over the period of the Plan to 2032.

**3. Character Assessment**

Preparation of a Character Assessment is being carried out by Jeremy Lake and Steven Warnock. Following a number of site visits and local input, a public meeting was held on 20th February to present an outline of the assessment. Feedback from the meeting is being incorporated into the final assessment report. Jeremy is currently working on the final edits and formatting. The document is essentially complete, but finalisation will take some time, because Jeremy has other work committments.

**4. NP Report Status**

The drafting group has met several times to develop the inital text into a more cohesive document. Detailed input and guidance has been received from CFO, particularly on the inclusion of more detailed background information which will strengthen the report.

The draft text has been submitted to Ricardo Rios of SODC for his review and Crispin has walked ricardo round the village to explaion the salient features. Crispin and David, together with Hilary and Tom from CFO have attended one meeting at SODC, with a second planned on 24 April. Ricardo is giving detailed guidance on the evidence needed to support proposed policies, which policies are likely to succeed and the best way to frame the policies. The review also covers the vision and objectives as well as the supporting information needed.

This review has been very helpful, but a lot of work will be needed to redraft, rearrange and improve the report text. CFO are carrying out the initial reformatting and it was agreed that the drafting sub-group (principally Crispin, Bill and David) would hold a series of sessions to carry out the detail editing.

Sally & Iain have carried prepared more detailed justifications for the areas proposed for desination as Local Green Spaces. Justine reported on discussion with the Shop



committee and explained that careful wording is needed to respect the status of the Post Office in the context of Project C2.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May in the Pavilion to explain the draft policies and gain public feedback. It is unlikely that the full text will be ready at that stage, but this should be done by the end of May. David Potter's input and guidance will be obtained at the appropriate point.

Once the draft is completed it will go to the formal consultation stage, being made available to SODC and other stakeholders as well as the public.

#### **5. Development Proposals**

A developer working for the owners of the land adjacent to the Village Hall has approached the SG. The communication will be discussed with the Parish Council

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The drafting sub-group will meet as needed and report back to the full group.

The public meeting to present the report outline and draft policies will be held on Thursday 18th May

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