



Watlington Parish Council

Watlington
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Development Plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2019 VIA VIDEO CALL.

Present: Gill Bindoff (GB), Andrew McAuley (AM), Terry Jackson (TJ), Keith Jackson (KJ), TP (Tony Powell), Matt Reid (MR)

Officer: Rachel Gill

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

Peter Richardson sent his apologies. TH was unable to link into the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th February 2020.

Resolved: That these minutes are a correct record of the meeting and that they be signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes:

(1) FTTP RG gave an update on this. Take up has been very low and Airband are unsure whether this will go ahead. They were due to leaflet again and try to push up the numbers.

5. SODC Local Plan 2034 Update

GB gave an update on this. The pause on the Local Plan imposed by the Secretary of State has been removed and SODC have been tasked with moving the plan forward and preparing for assessment from the Inspector. SODC is expected to be able to adopt the Plan by the end of the year. This is a very tight timescale. There is an indicated route for the Edge Road still in the plan. WPC need to prepare a case to defend this route when the hearings in public are arranged. SODC answers to the Inspectors' questions are expected to be published shortly. It will be up to the inspectors to decide what amendments are required to make the Plan legally compliant and sound.

6. Review of the Neighbourhood Plan

- Review of options: monitoring or a full review?

A decision is needed on whether monitoring or full review of the Neighbourhood Plan is required. There was some discussion on this and whether changes were needed when the local plan changes? It was suggested that more needs to be included on Climate Change as WPC have declared a Climate Emergency since the plan was written. The urgency of a review of the Conservation Area was also discussed. It was noted that Full Council is recommended to approve the review.

It was resolved that:

- RG to check with KT how much money is available for a review of the Conservation Area.
- A full review will be finalised next year following an evaluation of the effectiveness of the objectives and policies in the WNDP and compliance with the SODC Local Plan 2034

- The procedures for the review will be confirmed with Ricardo Rios at SODC.
- Update on WPC strategic plan/delivery of the WNDP

Nick H will do the next iteration of this. This will be parked for now.

- Conservation Area review – update

This has been covered in the first section

- Review of objectives to respond to the WPC climate emergency declaration

Resolved: To proceed with the review of the WNDP. As part of the review to email the Climate Action Group and arrange to have a discussion with them.

7. Development at Site A Britwell Road:

- MHCLG call-in decision

We have been informed that the Ministry have decided against calling in this application and assume it will apply to all the applications linked to the Edge Road.

- Publication of the Inspector's report 3222822 and implications for Watlington

The Inspector's report has been published and the Appeal was allowed – permission will be given unless it is called for a judicial review within 6 weeks.

KJ asked whether OCC have appointed consultants to look at the Edge Road yet? WPC has had no information on this yet.

Archstone/Bloor did not want to pay for sections of the Edge Road beyond the spine road within the developed area of the site but will now have to contribute £7.4k per dwelling (£1.3m total) as a S106 contribution. The Inspector kept in all the planning conditions proposed by SODC. It is hoped that WPC will be able to have some input into the final decisions on compliance with the conditions.

- Application P19/S4585/O – the third application on the Britwell Road site.

There is currently no date for the application to go the SODC Planning Committee. The Environment Agency has raised an objection to the application on the grounds that a further flood risk assessment is needed in order to assess the latest available information about the impacts of climate change. It is not known at this stage if Archstone/Bloor will provide the assessment or, possibly, withdraw the application now that the Planning Inspector has upheld their appeal on the first application.

- Highways issues

The mitigation scheme, proposed by the developers and agreed by OCC, was approved by the Appeal Inspector. WPC still want to discuss this scheme with OCC before there is a formal consultation. The scheme is for the removal of some parking spaces in Couching Street and Shirburn Street and the installation of speed cushions. There is currently no timescale agreed for a physical or virtual meeting with OCC.

8. Watlington Edge Road Update

Up to date traffic data would be very useful and could be commissioned by WPC – possibly in combination with other local parishes. This will need to be delayed until traffic volumes are back to ‘normal’ after the ‘lockdown’ during the coronavirus pandemic is removed.

RG to look at the cost for 1 x monitoring strip – possibly on Couching Street.

9. Providence Land developments at WNDP Sites B and C and also PYR 2

AM/GB may speak to Emma Bowerman tomorrow. GB wants to check the position regarding the assessment of the impact of the developments on air quality in the Watlington AQMA. The 2nd Ricardo report, commissioned by SODC, says that the Edge Road is not required to reduce air pollution in the AQMA. What use will SODC make of the report in the decision making process on development of these sites?

10. Air Quality in the AQMA meeting with SODC

A meeting was held with SODC on 25th February in Watlington and was chaired by Anna Badcock. It was attended by David Rouane (SODC Cabinet member for Housing and Environment), Leigh Rawlins (SODC Cabinet member for Planning), Matt Reid (WPC), Andrew McAuley (WPC), Gill Bindoff (NPAB), Tony Powell (NBAP) and Ian Hill (WPC).

It was a very useful meeting. AM gave a presentation with an emphasis on WPC concerns that the data used in the Ricardo report was inaccurate and led to unsafe conclusions. The report from the Air Quality expert Dr Christine McHugh, commissioned by WPC, provides evidence to support the WPC views.

David Rouane said he would submit the information to the Air Quality team for them to review and potentially set up a further meeting. It was disappointing not more SODC councillors attended. Cllr Rouane also confirmed that no progress had been made on the SODC proposal to set up a small working group of councillors to focus on air quality and the review of the AQ Action Plan

11. AOB

Transport. The Watlington Transport Group, which is linked to the NPAB, had provided a report. OCC are spending on improving a Saturday service and maybe adding a Sunday service between Watlington and Oxford. Two surveys have been planned by the Group to obtain up to date data on local travel – one for Watlington bus services and one for users of M40 bus services at the Lewknor junction. There was some discussion on S106 funding for a minibus at the Care Home to be built at PYR 1 but there is nothing definite on this.

Resolved: TJ to circulate the draft survey questionnaire for comment.

THERE BEING NO OTHER INFORMATION THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:15 PM