



Watlington Parish Council

**Watlington**  
Neighbourhood  
Development Plan



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30p.m. THIS WAS AN ONLINE MEETING

**Present :** Gill Bindoff (Chair), Tony Powell (TP), Kim Harris (KH), Keith Jackson (KJ), Terry Jackson (TJ), Fiona Danks (FD), Isla Woodcock (IW)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence  
Apologies : Ian Hill, James Herridge-Leng

2. Declarations of Interest  
None

3. Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and matters arising. There was no meeting in December.

KJ requested an amendment to the minutes to add he has proposed a project to reduce the carbon footprint of WPC buildings. This was agreed. The minute 3 e) will now read: 'WPC now has a new list of CIL projects to be assessed including a project proposed by KJ to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish office.'

- a) Update on the completion of the shared cycleway/footpath from Red Kite View to Cuxham Road  
GB has spoken to Freddie Van Mierlo and it looks like the scheme is signed off by OCC. The works will be done by Bloor. There will be a new crossing point on Cuxham Road, a path on the Industrial Estate side of the road and a new bus stop and shelter. Work is expected to start in 2-3 weeks.
- b) Update on the draft SODC Air Quality Action Plan  
There is no update on this.
- c) Treescape appraisal working group  
GB said that Richard Sibly and David Parker are interested in joining the group. FD agreed to contact Iain Naismith and Jessie Rouse again. GB added that Tom Bindoff may also be interested. A date for a first meeting of the group will be arranged.
- d) Confirmation of eligibility of assessments of heat loss in parish buildings for CIL funding.  
RG to investigate whether this is eligible for CIL funding.

4. Review of the WNDP:

a) Confirmation of draft policies and discussion with SODC.

GB to send the policies to SODC and ask for a meeting with the NPAB group. NPPF compliance still needs to be checked and the comments on the initial draft policies by AECOM need to be re-visited. GB to meet with TP to finalise the document. GB was concerned that a NP gives 5 years of protection against speculative development but this may not apply if there are no sites allocated in a reviewed plan. TP said that as long as sites were still being developed then there is protection.

5. Locality funded projects: updates:

a) Application for support for Basic Conditions Statement and local consultations.

WPC has now received the grant funds for this work. The intention is that it will be completed by the end of the financial year.

b) Application for technical support for the delivery of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

GB and Steve Bolingbroke have had an initial meeting with AECOM. A decision will be made after the application has been considered by Locality and the Department for levelling up, housing and communities.

6. Update on development:

a) Discharge of conditions on sites B and C ,online meeting with Redrow on 12.12.23.

Conditions relating to the Construction Management Traffic Plan, phasing of the development and the temporary vehicle access points on Cuxham Road have not been determined yet. Redrow indicated at the meeting that it is looking at some updated layouts, changes to the housing mix and an increase in housing numbers. A revised planning application is expected to be submitted to SODC.

b) Landscaping on Red Kite View (Site A)

There has been some planting taking place, especially along the boundary of the site on the Britwell side. We will have to wait until later in the year to see how effective it has been but replacement trees for the ones which have died should be planted before the season ends in March.

c) Update on the planning application for the Watlington Relief Road

The application is expected to go 'live' very soon. It is currently being validated by the OCC planning officers. An archaeological investigation has revealed evidence of an ironage settlement on the site of PYR2. A full report will be included in the planning application.

d) Update on the cycleway/footpath connections between Sites B and C and Willow Close.

WPC have signed the legal agreement to enable Redrow to construct a cycle path and footpath from sites B and C to Willow Close across land owned by the parish council.

7. SODC Joint Local Plan consultation

The new local plan is a huge document. There is some concern over the new settlement hierarchy classification for Watlington as it has been placed in Tier 2 with Chinnor, Goring and Wheatley where specified developments may be appropriate. The range of developments are more restricted in Tier 3 which includes Chalgrove, Benson and Woodcote - very similar settlements to Watlington. There was some discussion on permitted development and garden size, housing density, extensions and availability of services. It was noted that the current increase in local bus services only have temporary funding. There are roadshows on until February. New policies on lighting, watercourses and tranquility and tranquil areas may be useful for Watlington.

Resolved : Send comments to GB who will formulate a response.

8. Other matters and date of next meeting

AOB – no matters were raised.

Next meeting : Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024