



Watlington Parish Council

Watlington
Neighbourhood
Development Plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD ON MONDAY 5th AUGUST 2024 AT 7.30p.m. This was an in-person meeting at the Parish Office.

Present: Gill Bindoff (Chair), Tony Powell, Kim Harris, Fiona Danks

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Isla Woodcock.
It was noted that this meeting was deferred from the online meeting scheduled on 22nd July when IT problems prevented the meeting from going ahead.
2. Declarations of Interest:
There were none.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 17th June 2024.
It was agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chair.
Matters arising:
 - a) Update on the completion of the shared cycleway/footpath from Red Kite View to Cuxham Road. Unfortunately, these works have still not gone ahead. Bloor Homes blame OCC for the delay in giving the necessary highways permission.
 - b) Terms of Reference: these have been accepted by Full Council.
4. Review of the WNDP:
 - a) Submission of policy review to SODC: preparation for online meeting with Ricardo Rios SODC on 12.08.24.
The policies were discussed and it was agreed that the list of documents used as evidence to support the policies needs to be updated. It will be circulated for additions/corrections to be made.
 - b) Watlington Conservation Area Appraisal: consultation. There will be further delay to the consultation. Although the revised Appraisal is ready to go to consultation, the SODC Heritage Team does not have the capacity at the moment to make any progress on the consultation process

5. Locality funded projects: updates:

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan: Stages 3 and 4:

An online meeting had been held with Aecom on 31st August to discuss the current draft LCWIP and to agree the next steps. The meeting was attended by GB, Andrew McAuley and Rachel Gill (cyclists), Tom Bindoff (walker) and Elena Kuskova and Sophie Sole (Aecom). The weakness of preparing the LCWIP as a desktop study had become apparent as local conditions could not be taken into account. As a result, the cycling routes proposed used some busy local roads which would only be suitable for experienced cyclists and not for family groups. It was agreed that the group would meet to prepare suggestions for cycling and walking routes that would better suit local conditions. This meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th August.

6. Update on development:

Planning application for the Watlington Relief Road: update:

The application is still being amended in response to comments received in the initial consultation. It is expected that the second consultation will begin in the next few weeks and that the application will be considered by the OCC Planning Committee in November. There will be a meeting with Watlington shortly with the Relief Road Team.

Red Kite View: update on the Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan:

The meeting to look at the area between the development and Windmill Piece had taken place and it had been agreed that this area will be included in the management plan for the site. The revised Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan has not been finalised yet.

Redrow developments: Construction Environment Management Plan for the temporary access onto Cuxham Road:

This has been revised. Comments on the Plan had been circulated for comment to the NPAB and the WPC Planning Committee. They were agreed.

Red Kite View: Proposals for the cycleway/footpath links to/from Sites B and C to Willow Close: This was reported on under 'Matters Arising'.

PYR 2: it was noted that outline planning permission for site PYR 2 has now been confirmed by SODC.

7. Other matters and date of next meeting:

It was noted that the Government is consulting on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework which is likely to have implications for neighbourhood planning.

Date of next meeting:

This will be on Monday 23rd September.

