

Notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group (MG) Meeting

Via Zoom

Tuesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Verdon (Chair), Coleman, MacPhee, McFarlane, Stewart, Gill Warsop, Helen Fleming and the Parish Clerk

NP10/20 Note taker

The Parish Clerk was appointed to take the notes.

NP11/20 Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were made by Helen Fleming as chairman of the Odiham Society Planning sub-group and by Cllr McFarlane on any matters relating to NP housing site, land east of Hook Road.

NP12/20 Notes of the previous meeting

The notes of the meeting on 29th September 2021 were approved.

NP13/20 Review of overall application of the NH Plan policies in planning applications determined by Hart DC since 29th September 2020

Members reviewed the Monitoring Sheet and Planning Tracking Sheet as presented with the agenda. The tracking sheet had been revised to include reference to applications where Hart DC had referred to the NP in their reasons for refusal and Cllr Verdon had also extracted applications which OPC had objected to but Hart had granted.

NP14/20 Windfall Sites

- The Barn, Waytes, High Street

NP15/20 Review of Policies in the light of Hart DC Local Plan and Differences

The following points were noted and would be included in the annual monitoring report:

Policy 1 - Spatial Plan for Parish

The Rural Exception site at land adjacent to Rough's Cottage had been approved.

Policy 2 - Housing Development Sites

- 4 Western Lane – permission granted. It was noted that Hart DC hadn't removed permitted development rights (PDR's) from all the properties. Action: Cllr Verdon to ask Hart DC why this was the case?
- Crumplins Yard – this development had resulted in an amenity footpath being removed.

Policy 3 – Local Gap

OPC had received a presentation from a developer showing plans to develop the Dunley's Hill site with many more houses proposed than in the NP. The developer had claimed that the local gap was a separate policy and did not need to be connected with any development. Everyone agreed that it was still valid.

Policy 4 - Housing Mix

No change from last year. The Monitoring Report would repeat comments made the previous year noting the discrepancy between the figures in the NP and in Hart's Local Plan.

Policy 5 – General Design Principles

This Policy had been used well by Hart DC in determining applications.

Policy 6 – Odiham Conservation Area

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Policy 7 – North Warnborough Conservation Area

This Policy had been used well by Hart DC in determining applications.

Policy 8 – Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area

This Policy had been used by Hart DC in determining applications.

Policy 9 - Odiham High Street

Action: G Warsop agreed to write a piece about PDR's in relation to change of use classes in the High Street.

Cllr Verdon informed members about OPC's plans to develop a Village Centre Area Action Plan.

Policy 10 – Education

HCC had consulted on plans to construct new playing fields on land adjacent to Robert Mays School.

Policy 11 – Local Green Spaces

An application for work in the Kitchen Garden had been granted.

Policy 12 – Natural Environment

No progress had made on tree planting on OPC's land. It was suggested that free trees were available from HCC, HDC or other national organisations.

The designation of TPO orders to trees in West Street were noted.

Policy 13 – Assets of Community Value

Refer to item NP16/20.

Policy 14 – Dunley’s Hill Open Space

As noted under Policy 3, a developer had presented plans to OPC which proposed to increase housing numbers on the site. OPC did not comment on this increase and had taken advice from Hart DC.

Aims and Proposals

- Rural Exception Site – refer to Policy 1.
- Parking – OPC was due to have a presentation from Hart DC on electric vehicle charging points (EVCP’s) to assist OPC in determining whether and where any should be provided.
- Traffic management – the speed of traffic on Dunley’s Hill continued to be a cause of concern. Plans to set up a community Speedwatch team were in progress, a number of volunteers had stepped forward but Police training was on hold due to Covid.
- Pre-school provision – no change.
- Infrastructure projects:
 - o Public open space (POS) –
 - early discussions had taken place with the developers of the Dunleys Hill land.
 - OPC had been unable to move forward on plans to take over Montford Place POS.
 - o Footpaths – Cllr Stewart had been in contact with the HCC Ranger to suggest several areas which required ground surfacing improvements. Everyone was asked to take photos of the Deer Park entrance which was currently impassable. There was no change on the proposed cycleway to Bartley Heath.
 - o Meadow and tree planting – no progress. Refer to Policy 12.
 - o Canal Basin project – this was on hold pending liaison with the developer on the POS land.
 - o Sports and recreation – OPC had awarded a grant to Buryfields School towards the cost of a new running track.

NP16/20 Policy 13 – Assets of Community Value (ACV)

Following notification to the previous meeting that an application for the Galleon Marine had been refused, Members discussed whether the application should be re-submitted emphasising the community use. This was in response to HDC’s view that the boat hire business was its primary usage.

Cllr Verdon reported that OPC had been unable to progress obtaining further evidence of community usage of the Deer Park to support the application.

NP17/20 To consider the format and content for the 2021 NP Monitoring Report

Everyone agreed this had been covered under item NP15/20.

NP18/20 To note Odiham Parish Council's plans to develop a Village Centre Area Action Plan which will be guided by NP Policies 6 and 9

This was discussed and noted. It was not agreed who should represent the NP Monitoring Group but several members had been invited to represent other organisations so could, if effect, represent the interests of both groups.

NP19/20 To be arranged September/October 2021