

Notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group (MG) Meeting

Via Zoom

Thursday, 24th February 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Verdon (Chair), Coleman, Gill Warsop, Helen Fleming

Note taker

Cllr Verdon agreed to take the notes.

Review of overall application of the NH Plan policies in planning applications determined by Hart DC since 9th March 2021

Members reviewed the Planning Tracking Sheet as presented with the meeting invite. The tracking sheet includes reference to applications where Hart DC had referred to the NP in their reasons for refusal

Windfall Sites

There have been 4 windfall sites granted permission. These will be noted in the Monitoring Report.

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

An application for a new property at Down Farm has been refused stating Policy 1 as a reason for refusal.

Policy 2 - Housing Development Sites

An update on these will be detailed in the Monitoring report.

Policy 3 – Local Gap

No new developments

Policy 4 - Housing Mix

No change from last year.

Policy 5 – General Design Principles

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

Policy 6 – Odiham Conservation Area

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

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

An update of property usage in the High Street will be included in the Monitoring report. Due to the change in use classes only prior notification may now be required to change the use from business use to residential . However if the building is a Listed Building a planning application is still required. The Village Centre Area Action Plan has been consulted on within the community and has progressed. It will be formally adopted in the near future.

Policy 10 – Education

HCC had submitted an application to change the wording of a permission to construct new playing fields on land adjacent to Robert Mays School. The new wording states “ the land shall be retained as open space OR AS PLAYING FIELDS FOR EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY USE.”

Policy 11 – Local Green Spaces

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

Policy 12 – Natural Environment

A community orchard has been planted in the cemetery meadow and will be designated as a Platinum Jubilee project.

An application has been approved for a large solar farm south of the village despite many objections from local residents. Within the site will be a small biodiversity area.

Policy 13 – Assets of Community Value

The Bell public house has closed and been sold to a developer. Due to local residents' interest in this building OPC applied for this building to be designated as an asset of community value. This was successful.

Policy 14 – Dunley's Hill Open Space

No further development

Aims and Proposals

- Rural Exception Site – refer to Policy 1.
- Parking – no further progress has been made with regard to electric charging points as Hart have not taken any further action due to Covid restrictions.
- Traffic management – Speedwatch has been set up and is running usually once a week in one of 2 locations.
- Pre-school provision – no change.
- Infrastructure projects: Public open space (POS) – no further progress on taking over Montford Place POS as Hart have yet to issue a certificate of practical completion of the landscaping.
- Canal Basin project – this was on hold pending liaison with the developer on the POS land.