

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING SESSION NOTES

Date:	20 April 2023
Venue:	Ashlea Room, Parish Hall
Present:	Julia Davies (Chairman), Sarah Chapman, Mike Dormon, Robin Jewett, Clare Maynard, Jan Reynolds, Sharon Strutt, Maria Tasker, Anne Washbourn, Christina Whellams (Secretary)
1. Apologies:	Rowan Lloyd, Gini Trower, Jacqueline Veater

2. Notes of the last meeting

- a) Agreed.

3. Finance

- a) There has been no change in the financial situation.
- b) The work of Catesby's response was due to be extracted by the Consultant but due to the funding issues it's not possible to pay her for this work. There had been some criticism within Catesby's response that a meeting, similar to that held for residents in Netherfield Lane, had not been held but the Steering Group agreed that it hadn't been necessary to hold a meeting as it isn't a selected site. EHDC have explained that an inspector will not ask why other sites were not included. They will only focus on the sites put forward.
- c) Each Parish Council will continue to be asked for funds where needed. There was a request for the percentage split to be kept consistent, as it was thought that the breakdown was much higher than previous requests.

4. Feedback from EHDC & LVRP

- a) A meeting has been held with EHDC to clarify points raised in their submission.
- b) EHDC are checking whether The Wilderness could be incorporated into the figures and had confirmed that Pump House Lane could be included.
- c) Housing Sites requiring permission were previously removed from the plan but will be re-instated.
- d) Changes proposed by EHDC that weren't relating to Housing were discussed. It had previously been queried why the Wilshere Hall isn't included but it's understood that church assets can't be considered.
- e) NPPF is being revised and we may need to alter our document.
- f) EHDC confirmed that all 3 Parish Councils have to approve the changes.

5. Consultation Responses

- a) 9 Statutory Consultee responses received and 57 residents. 1 statutory consultee (Natural England) had previously alerted the Steering Group to the fact that due to difficulties with staff resources they would be a day late submitting.
- b) Lack of public response is likely to have been because the content was not fully understood.
- c) H7 Amwell Lane – it has been agreed to reduce the size of the site to exclude the pumping station.
- d) A new Working Group will be created to look at the responses and then report back to the Steering Group.
- e) Website needs to be updated asking for anyone wishing to remain informed to be added to the mailing list.

6. Modifications to the plan

- a) Any changes will need to be sent to MD who will keep the master version of the plan.
- b) Site H4 will be withdrawn following advice from EHDC.

7. AOB.

There were no items raised.

8. Date of the Next Meeting

The next Working Group meeting will take place on Thursday 8 June 2023 at 7.30pm.

ACTIONS:

- A) CM to update website indicating that the consultation is closed and requests can be made for names to be added to a mailing list.