

Eye & Dunsden NDP Steering Group Meeting Minutes 27th June 2022

Attendees: David Woodward (Chair), Richard Berkley, David Breeze, Deborah Simmons, Suzanne Abrahams, Mandy Sermon, Nick Marks, Howard Crews.

Apologies: Ian Dick.

All members are requested to be ready to report back on their actions at the next meeting.

	MINUTES / ACTION POINTS	Who	Complete by
1.	PREVIOUS MINUTES – The minutes of the 25 th April were agreed and adopted.	SG/S-G Members	
2.	ACTION POINTS Funding ID messaged that he would prepare an updated cash flow / and budget for the next Steering Group meeting.	Ian D	25 th July
3.	S106 RESTORATION AGREEMENTS REVIEW NM had circulated a draft report on the 6 th June reviewing the S106 Agreements for the 3 areas of gravel extraction at Sonning Eye. NM explained that some coloured plans were missing so identifying ownership of the extraction sites was difficult. DW commented that some useful information had been gathered. SA offered to meet with NM to review the report particularly to get an informal legal opinion since one of the S106 Agreements was not time-limited provided the use of the subject extraction site remained open to the public for recreational and water sports use. The SG Members thanked NM for preparing the report.	Nick M Suzanne A	25 th July
4.	PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE 1) DW reported from the second meeting of the Joint Parishes AONB Group (JPAG) took place on the 22 nd June. On behalf of the Government, Natural England are due to announce the scope of the review of the Chiltern AONB extension soon. JPAG have agreed to instruct a landscape consultant to review all of the Landscape Character Assessments (LCA's) from the Parishes that have them as part of their emerging NDP's to gather evidence in support of extending the AONB further in to the JPAG Parishes. 2) RB confirmed that OCC had agreed to a further speed test between the Playhatch roundabout and the boundary with Caversham Park Village. RB will be co-ordinating the test. 3) DW confirmed he had recently asked MS to raise the A4155 street lighting concerns requested by HC at the March SG meeting at the next PC meeting as this relates to both the infrastructure and valued landscape evidence for the NDP. 4) For SG members' information DW reported that the Parish Council have raised objections to the redevelopment of Lydden at Sonning Eye Ref P22/S1303/FUL and the second application lodged for the change of use of the North Lake at Caversham Lakes for recreation and sports purposes Application Ref P22/S1691/FUL.	SG Members Note Richard B David W SG Members Note	ASAP Next PC Meeting
5.	DRAFT PLANNING POLICIES HC reported that further to his email to SG Members of the 10 th June 2022 Bluestone Planning (BS) had issued the first draft of the NDP in the early hours Monday 27 th June that unfortunately was too late for it to be circulated to SG Members to give it proper consideration to review at today's SG Meeting as originally intended. It was agreed that HC circulate the Draft NDP to SG Members and that an NDP review meeting is held at 7pm on the 18th July at the Village Hall and that, if possible (whilst acknowledging it's the summer holiday season), all SG Members should try to attend having reviewed the draft NDP document. HC then summarised his email of the 10 th June to the meeting and the following items were agreed: 1) Following the Examiner of Shiplake's NDP striking out their semi enclosed dip slope areas it was agreed to retain PLCA 4 as proposed in the E&D LCA for the Regulation 14 Consultation because it has a different form, nature and function compared to Shiplake. 2) A dossier of public information is to be prepared providing evidence of how E&D Parish has been under threat from substantial development proposals. This is to support the draft NDP retaining 'Gap' policy as the Examiner for Kidmore End has struck out their Gap Policy from their NDP. HC agreed to prepare this document. 3) To reduce the risk of the 'Climate Emergency' policies being struck out of the NDP (as Examiners feel that climate emergency is covered at District and National level so is only being duplicated in NDPS's) it was agreed that a climate emergency case is prepared for E&D to cover rising river levels, flood risk and flood plain capacity. NM agreed to prepare a first draft of the case. SA agreed to assist him. 4) DW agreed to review the S106 report and make a case to support the proposed 'Use and Recreational Use the Lakes Policy' that will consider wildlife v amenity use, and flood plain v commercial uses (i.e., hotels, care homes, waterside residential and park & ride development).	SG Members Note SG Members Note Howard C Nick M David W	18 th July 25 th July 25 th July 25 th July
6.	HERITAGE ASSET REGISTER (HAR) In the absence of further contributions to the HAR it was agreed DW will circulate the Register to SG Members and Sharon Brentnall (SB) for inclusion in the draft NDP.	David W	ASAP
7.	LOCAL GREEN SPACES REPORT (LGS) Members discussed the previously circulated draft LGS document and concerns were raised about its accuracy. It was agreed DS would review the document and respond to SB with		

	comments. It was further agreed that the verges of the A4155 north (opposite the Nursery Lake 2) and south (outside the Garden Centre) should be designated as Local Green Spaces.	Deborah S	25 th July	
8.	<p><u>NDP WORKING SUB-GROUPS</u></p> <p><u>a) Flooding, Ecology & Sustainability</u></p> <p>1) An amended large scale copy of the green corridor plan is to be circulated by NM for interested parties to comment. DS will provide the details of those who attended the original study in April to Nick Marks and let those individuals know to expect a copy of the plan for comment. NM suggested that the north bank of the river Thames from Sonning Backwater Bridge to the southwest of the Parish should be designated a green corridor.</p> <p>2) DS confirmed that she has asked Nick Izzard at Future Watch (Biodiversity Consultants) to comment on the principle of how E&D could apply for their own carbon offset sites and what the benefits of this would be. DS confirmed that FutureWatch had replied to say that they were not able to assist in relation to this query.</p> <p>3) DS confirmed that she had still not heard from Alice Jenkins regarding Tarmac's biodiversity survey near the sailing club. DW agreed to chase Alice Jenkins, Graham Fyles at Tarmac and Poppy Martin at Savills.</p> <p><u>b) Settlement</u></p> <p>1) DW and HC had nothing further to report now that the draft NDP had been issued.</p> <p><u>c) Landscape</u></p> <p>1) HC explained that he and DW had reviewed Version 12 of the LCA and made comments to Liz Allen but had asked Liz to do no further work on the LCA until the Local Green Spaces report was further advanced for Liz to review also.</p> <p><u>d) Infrastructure</u></p> <p>1) RB presented proposed improvements to the Parish's communication infrastructure. The proposals are for Community Aspirations for additional permissive footpaths being:</p> <p>a) between Playhatch and Spring Lane adjacent to the A4155.</p> <p>b) a proposed cycle and walking 'highway' connecting Dunsden, Playhatch and Sonning Eye to Reading.</p> <p>c) improvements to the existing footpath at Ash Copse to connect to Binfield Heath at Hampstead Farm and to the River Thames at Hampstead Bottom.</p> <p>The SG welcomed the proposals as Community Aspirations for the NDP and acknowledged that the proposals were dependent on landowners' co-operation and that the larger 'highway' proposal was quite ambitious. NM commented that he was aware of a need for the 'long distance river path' to connect to the AONB where possible. It was agreed RB will prepare further justification for the proposals and add Quiet Lanes as an additional Community Aspiration.</p> <p><u>e) Community Engagement, Press & PR</u></p> <p>1) DS advised that the Sonning Eye Guided Walk and the Nature Walk took place since the previous meeting and that both were well-attended.</p> <p>2) DW confirmed the Dunsden Green Guided Walk will take place at 11am on the 9th July (which he will lead together with John Plumer) - meeting on the Green. DS will promote the walk on the Parishes/NDP social media channels and the June newsletter that is to be published shortly.</p>	<p>David W Nick M Deborah S</p> <p>Deborah S</p> <p>David W</p> <p>Richard B</p> <p>Deborah S</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>25th July</p> <p>25th July</p> <p>25th July</p> <p>25th July</p> <p>ASAP</p>	
9.	<p><u>Next Steps / AOB</u></p> <p>NM confirmed he had submitted a draft paragraph to SB demonstrating how "development" might be considered to encompass a fully green agenda, supporting Climate Change and Biodiversity. NM explained that this very much relates to the Dasgupta review which is now fully accepted by central government.</p>	SG Members Note		
10.	<p><u>Next Meetings:</u></p> <p>Draft NDP Review : 18th July at 7pm Village Hall</p> <p>Steering Group: Monday 25th July at 7pm Village Hall</p>	All SG/S-G Members	18 th July 25 th July	