

Minutes of Meeting of Neighbourhood Planning Group

Held in Cross House on 22nd July 2014, at 7.00pm.

Steering Committee Members present were: Malcolm Bell (Chair), Tony Durrant, Malcolm Knowles, Chris Flocks, Peter Hayes, Pilar Owen, Fausta DiMacio, George Zaidmann, Louise Hayling and Henty Pullan

Apologies: Lucy Knowles.

ITEM COMMENT

- 1.0 Chair's opening remarks.** Concerning the site assessments that had been completed over two meetings on the 3rd and 10th June, then all members of the Group had been circulated with the final analysis. All sites on a points basis against a range of criteria came out negative, the rating varying considerably depending on the proximity of the site to the settlement boundary, its impact on the rural outlook of Bramley, its proximity to listed buildings and its impact on the Conservation area and the environment. In discussion with the Consultant from Urban Vision, in view of the allocation of 200 houses in the Local Plan and the possibility of further allocation in the period up to 2029, it has been decided to look at alternative approach to the development of houses on sites in Bramley.
- 2.0 Discussion on the approach to Housing Developments in Bramley.** The discussion was how to present housing developments in the Neighbourhood Plan. Bramley is going to have to accommodate housing as laid down in the Emerging Local Plan because Bramley is deemed to have an infrastructure that will support further development, a shop, easy access to road transport system, a train station, a school, a pub and green open spaces. All of these have been refuted consistently by the Parish Council. Bramley requires considerable improvement in its infrastructure to support further housing. The discussion was therefore as to how Bramley can maintain its rural character. After a long discussion and input from all members, it was agreed that taking the approach of Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan that has been accepted by examination and through the courts that limiting the size in housing numbers per site would help to preserve the rural aspect and stop large Urban like developments.
- 3.0** Having agreed to take the approach of limiting the number of houses per site, it is necessary to have the comments from the community as to an acceptable number of houses per site. To do this, then a Survey has to be prepared, printed and circulated to all residents. It was decided that the inclusion of Pre-paid envelope might encourage a greater response than for previous surveys.
- 4.0** Survey to be prepared by M Bell, circulated for comments, edited and supplied to Greenhouse Graphics for printing. Map to be produced (C Flocks) giving examples of housing numbers on particular developments in Bramley to give residents an idea of housing density per site. License for pre-paid envelopes to be applied for by M Bell.
- 5.0** Survey to be printed, circulated with a deadline of the 27th August for the return of the survey. Having the results, then the steering group in conjunction with the Consultant is in a position to move on with the Neighbourhood Plan to writing the policies to achieve the strategy and aims as presented and approved by the community.

6.0 Next meeting to be toward the end of August depending on the progress of the survey. A meeting with Edward Rehill is arranged for the 1st August to discuss the progress of the NP with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Meeting closed at 21.30 hours

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