

Ewhurst & Ellens Green NP

Steering Group meeting

Monday 9/2 15

1. Attendance and apologies - all SG plus JA except VH who sent apologies.

2. Approval of minutes of SG meeting 12/1/15 - approved

3. Update of current planning applications in Ewhurst by TB

3.1 Penlan: PC had not considered new application as plans were not available, but will at next planning meeting in time for comments deadline. Appeal date on refusal of previous rejected scheme now likely to be in March.

3.2 Backward Point: Millwood Homes presented scheme to PC - large public attendance. TB had supplied MH with analysis of village questionnaire after he emphasised that results had confirmed large majority wanted more small housing units rather than large units. He had also emphasised that Ewhurst needed truly affordable housing and that they should consider gifting land for affordable to village.

3.3 Linden Homes had made an approach to PC re meeting to discuss old Ewhurst Brickworks.

4. Analysis of village questionnaire - BA presented more detailed analysis of results. He explained how one could use search facility against keywords i.e. community, housing etc., and see all references from returnees. This would have to be done by any member of SG with BA present. Also agreed that tabulated results should go on website - BA and JA to action.

5. Volunteers - About 16 volunteers had responded to email asking for choice of 1st and 2nd preferences and after long discussion, provisional allocation of those volunteers was agreed. Leaders of Working parties and individual topic leaders within those groups would contact selected volunteers to get their confirmation they would join and then set up first meetings of their working party to brief volunteers and start discussion on topics.

6. Update from AW following meeting with JF of WBC planning

6.1 Status of WBC LP policies - Saved policies of 2002 LP constitute development plan with saved policies which do not conflict with NPPF. Most of these are generic applicable to whole Borough. None of the few which are site/location specific apply to our Parish. Most saved policies will be in new LP, but mainly in Part 2 which is some years away.

NP must not conflict with strategic policies on LP, but worth not serious conflicting with non-strategic [saved and carried forward policies] - LP must support NPPF and NP must do same. But does not mean NP should slavishly repeat all saved and carried forward policies [Locality's "keep it so simple" advises making a NP a mini LP by doing this.

So our NP should take saved policies and NPPF as start point and concentrate on how they specifically apply to us and cater for any gaps. **In the meantime we should keep reminding WBC that all current applications should be determined in accordance with development plan and anything contrary to this is premature until [i] new LP which will deal with strategic matters and [ii] NP which will deal with non-strategic in our Parish.**

6.2 Sources of information for evidence base - JF confirmed vast majority of evidence base we require for NP can be sourced from WBC i.e. her and WBC planning documents, including

- Saved Policy LP and some docs produced for 2002 LP
- First version [now withdrawn] of new LP part 1 [still on website] and documents and plans published at that time.
- Docs and plans for new Part 1 including SHLA and new SHMA [Dec 14]. But latter still lacks new household projections.
- Historic plans, docs & lists held by WBC planning.

6.3 Sustainability - Govt have issued new NP regulations saying NP must have Environmental Report unless determined NP will not have significant environmental effects, and that can be justified. This still does not clarify whether adopting a Sustainability Appraisal approach is necessary. It could, therefore, to adopt a simple SA approach for the NP which will almost certainly include requirement for environmental report and other regulations and directives.

7. Communication

7.1 JA has passed to village website contractor all initial documents for inclusion on NP microsite, including landing page, 3 other pages of copy, documents produced by SG which will be available for downloading i.e. minutes of SG, and links to external sources i.e. WBC LP, Locality etc.

7.2 Article by TB re current progress on NP will be in forthcoming village newsletter, and is on village website.

7.3 JA to do initial draft of leaflet re launch of website and other matters, including summary of results of village questionnaire, to be distributed to all residents using village newsletter distribution network.

7.4 JA awaits future dates for village newsletter, so that, if possible, we can co-ordinate our communication such as village survey with that.

8. AOB

8.1 TB confirmed he had now formally applied to Surrey CC for grant from County Councillor's personal spending allowance, to cover cost of consultant Lorraine Hart [assembly of village survey and analysis].

9. Dates of forthcoming SG meetings

Monday March 9th

Monday April 13th

Monday May 11th.

All these to be at Sayers Croft at 7.30pm, unless otherwise agreed and notified.