



Denmead Neighbourhood Forum

A Frontrunner community group, operating as a Working Party of the Parish Council, producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Denmead

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - January 2014

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## An Invitation

An invitation is extended to members of Denmead Parish Council to join the members of the DNP Steering Group at its next meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm at the Community Centre when the first draft of the Denmead Local Plan policies will be presented by Neil Homer (of rCOH, our Neighbourhood Planning advisors) and discussed. RSVP.

### **“A productive meeting and a clear steer”**

This was how Neil Homer described the meeting of the Steering Group held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. I think everyone who was there would agree with that thought, including the two WCC Officers who were present. Significant meetings, with good progress have been made during December and January such that Neil was able to draw the strands of work together and outline nine specific policies areas where the Plan will set out the future for Denmead. They are, the Settlement Boundary; Housing Allocation policy; Housing Design; Parklands Business Park; Village Centre; Sport and leisure facilities; Green infrastructure; Heritage and Character assets; Infrastructure.

### **Our timetable is as follows:**

- The draft Plan will be put to the Parish Council for approval at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Plan will then go out to public consultation until the end of April.
- At the end of May there will be a six week pre-examination consultation.
- At the end of July the Plan will be sent to an Examiner, appointed from the DCLG list and chosen jointly by WCC and the DNP Steering Group.
- It is anticipated that the Examiner will take 2-3 weeks during August to consider the Plan.
- If approved (it will be!) then in September WCC will “adopt” the DN Plan for referendum.
- The referendum will be during October/November 2014.
- Provided we obtain a majority (50% + 1 of those residents who vote) WCC will then ‘make’ the DNP into its formal Planning Documentation.

Neil Lander-Brinkley  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014