



Denmead Neighbourhood Forum

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

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DENMEAD'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – reporting back

The time for comments to be made on the Pre-Submission Plan has now expired. This document, which is a draft of the Plan, available in hard copy and on the website www.denmeadneighbourhoodplan.org.uk went public on 10th March 2014. The Steering Group are now considering the content of the 157 representations which came from residents, official consultees, landowners and developers.



Five public meetings were held in a four different locations within the village during the Pre-Submission Consultation period for the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan. The purpose of those meetings was to provide an exhibition of boards which set out the thinking behind the Plan and summarised the results of the extensive consultations held in the village during the last 22 months. Presentations at the five public meetings explained how views of the public and feedback from specialist independent Consultants and Agencies informed the selection of appropriate development sites.



The meetings all followed the same format, save for the last one when an independent Chairman was used to ensure that everyone who wanted to speak had the opportunity to ask whatever question[s] they wished. Although these questions were not part of the consultation process, they did enable points to be raised, clarified and answered as part of the information giving process. A record of those questions is available on the website as it may be of interest to those people

who attended.

Representations were made formally through the DNP web-site, e-mail and by letter to the Clerk. Other comments made to the Steering Group were recorded and taken into account.

What's happening now ?

Members of the Steering Group have already met with the Denmead War Memorial Hall Management Committee to examine a schematic layout allowing four houses to be built on part of the land at the site and what Hall users might gain from that arrangement.

The Steering Group has further considered the use of the Memorial Hall site and decided that taking all views into account that the Plan will not include any development on any part of the site – it is off the agenda.

Following up on the concerns of residents in Anmore Road a meeting has also been held with Officers from Hampshire Highways. The outcome of that can be summarised as “any rain that falls on any development site at Carpenter's Field will be dealt with by the sustainable drainage scheme that will be built into the site.” This will be good news for the people at the western end of Anmore Road because at present, in heavy rain, water runs off the field onto the road and floods it, running eastwards. The drainage work will ensure that that will no longer happen. Further meetings are planned with Hampshire Highways; the Environment Agency and Southern Water.

All representations, every one of them, are being considered by the Steering Group working with its independent planning Advisor, starting with a formal meeting on May 8th.

The final version of the Plan

The Plan, with amendments that will come out of the work mentioned above, should have been completed by the end of May or early in June. Any changes will be explained to residents through an 'update' which will be delivered to every home in the Parish. It will be on the web-site and we will take steps to have further meetings. After that, the Plan will be passed to Winchester City Council to take the next step of scrutinising the Plan. A further six week consultation period is part of that process and residents may take part in that if they wish.

And After That

Two more hurdles will need to be overcome. When Winchester City Council confirm the Neighbourhood Plan is fit for purpose it will be checked by an Independent Examiner. When that has been completed successfully, the Plan will go to a Referendum in Denmead, probably during the Autumn of 2014. 50% of the votes, plus 1, of those voting will mean that the Plan is approved and will become Planning Law for Denmead, alongside Winchester's Local Plan, Part 1.

Watch out for our Neighbourhood Plan updates and follow progress on the web site www.denmeadneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

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