

Notes of the DNP SG meeting of 09/01/23

Present:

Paula Langford-Smith(PLS), Mike Hollands(MH). Helen Stafford(HS), Liz Wade(LW), Wendy Wright(WW), Caroline Cahill(CC), Kevin Andreoli(KA). Apologies from Carolyn Hargreaves.

Helen was welcomed as the newest member, and everyone introduced themselves.

A discussion took place regarding the current situation with the WCC allocation to Denmead. A response is required to Jill Lee at WCC.

It was agreed that the housing breakdown supplied by Jill was inadequate and that the SG needed a proper breakdown of housing and details of which windfalls had been counted, as there was a discrepancy of more than 50 between the Parish Council's figure and WCC's.

PLS and KA had, on behalf of the Parish Council responded to the draft Local Plan and both had suggested that, given the government had announced it was scrapping allocations for Borough Councils, WCC should remove any requirement on Denmead.

PLS pointed out that all WCC's requirement could be put on the Bushfield site which was not being fully utilised.

A brief discussion took place on the AECOM site assessment document. KA had circulated a copy marked with his comments. KA had also circulated a map of Denmead showing where the 1600m suggested walking limit for 15/20 minute developments reached on each of the roads.

CC had produced a spreadsheet which eased consideration of all the sites sortable on any of the criterion, and had included KA's 1600m information.

It was agreed that members would produce their own suggested criterion priority lists and send to the others by 23/01 to enable a agreed list to be produced for ongoing assessments of the sites.

PLS suggested that we should ask Stuart our advisor about doing our own parking survey as the SG had discussed creating local DNP parking standards. It was generally agreed that the Local Plan parking ideas were only suitable for urban areas.

KA asked members to consider what they felt should be the type of any development, large sites, small sites. He also stated that consideration should be given to ribbon development, something which was deliberately excluded in the current DNP when the development boundary was modified.

It was agreed that a Call For Sites would be put out on FaceBook, and on the DNP Website. Subsequently it has been agreed by PLS and KA that this will also go into the next edition of DPC's Denmead Scene magazine.

As at least two members of the SG would not be available for the February meeting, it was agreed that a meeting with Jill Lee and Jackie Porter would be sought for a daytime meeting in March. In the meantime a meeting should be arranged with Stuart.

KA 19/01/23