

Denmead Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting with WCC officer and District Councillors – 06/03/23

Present:

Jackie Porter, Portfolio Holder for Built Environment

Jill Lee, WCC

Mike Read, District Cllr

Caroline Brooke, District Cllr

Caroline Cahill, SG

Wendy Wright, SG

Paula LS, DPC

Online:

Kevin Andreoli, DPC

Liz Wade, SG

Mike Hollands, SG

Helen Stafford, SG

Jackie provided an update on the Local Plan – all responses have been received and are going to WCC committee next week. Likely to be published on Autumn.

Jill clarified that housing numbers are separate to windfalls. Reg 18 states that any greenfield sites will not come forward until 2031.

The Department for Communities and Levelling Up (DCLG) seem to be open to a phased approach to development

There has been an agreement for an allocation of 421 dwellings in the National Park and a meeting is to be held in Boarhunt and Hambledon.

A discussion took place regarding Denmead's allocation of 100 dwellings and PLS read an email sent by Steve Opacic sent on 20 May 2021 which confirmed that due to the number of office to residential conversions, that past dwelling completions at Parklands would be treated as contributing to the current housing target for Denmead. Similarly, that any future contributions within Parklands would also contribute to housing needs numbers. Cllr Porter and Jill agreed that they would need to go back and look again at Denmead's allocation as there has been at least 50 dwellings completed to date.

PLS mentioned the need for a Burial ground extension and Cllr Porter advised that WCC has a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Winchester college who own the land around DPC's Burial Ground. Cllr Porter advised that she was happy to facilitate a meeting and DPC gratefully accepted.

Cllr Porter advised that 75% of the Community Infrastructure Levy was sitting with WCC and that Denmead could apply for it.

DPC advised that we had a response on our 'Call for Sites' and asked WCC to provide an assessment of these sites so that we have complete information on which to base further assessments. WCC agreed. KA to send site details.

Car Parking standards were discussed as WCC is considering not having a 'standard'. DPC explained that we were considering including a standard in the Neighbourhood Plan and were going to collect

evidence via a resident survey. Cllr Porter said that standards need to be justified and lack of parking should not be to the detriment of being able to travel to get to a job but that widths of roads and greenways were important.

DPC asked about an Employment Needs Assessment as this seems to be missing from our evidence base.

WCC advised that this has been recommissioned due to changes from Covid.

Cllr Porter advised that there was also a new classification that needed to be taken into consideration and this was the 'GTRSB' – Gypsy, Travellers, Romany, Showman and Boatman classification.

Cllr Porter also advised that the Design Code needs updating following revision of the Neighbourhood Plan.

PLS asked if a photo could be taken. Cllr Porter asked for a copy. With the agreement of all, the photo can be used in Social Media, Neighbourhood Plan promotion etc.

PLS with minor addition by KA