

Earls Colne Neighbourhood Plan

Notes & Actions from Steering Group Meeting Held on 1st March 2022.

Present: Tony Calton
Yvonne Rosie
Bob Cook
Jan Stobart (RCCE)

Apologies: Hugh Street
Nikki Spelling

		Action
1.	Design Guide	
	Updated consultant's report to be circulated to all for review and comment	Tony
	Bob & Tony to meet up to discuss consultant's request for additional / up to date photos	Tony/Bob
2.	Landscape Character Assessment	
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3.	Housing Targets	
	<p>A discussion took place on the proposal to extend the lifespan of the NP from 2033 (in line with the Local Plan) to 2038 as suggested by BDC. It was concluded that it may be better to stay at 2033 as we can then clearly align with BDC in stating that <u>no</u> further large developments (10+ houses) are required in Earls Colne to meet the requirements of the emerging BDC Local Plan and the NP.</p> <p>More importantly, Jan Stobart suggested that if we were to extend the NP to 2038 we might be required by the NP Inspectorate to provide allocated sites to meet the estimated housing target suggested by BDC for the period 2034 to 2038 (21 units per year). This would require a call for sites, assessment of all suggestions received and feasibility studies of the most favourable sites which would severely delay publication of our NP.</p> <p>However, if we take the above approach, we can add an annex to the NP outlining longer term visions such as the relief road, a Community Led Development and housing targets beyond 2033 but these can be in the form of suggested "further studies" and would not initially need to be detailed proposals. These "studies" could still be progressed now as specific projects but in parallel with the NP rather than as a commitment within it.</p>	
4.	NP Document	
	<p>A review of the current draft document is required to identify any modifications required to align with the above.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the Village Profile should be updated if possible using data from the 2021 Census (at the moment it is based on the 2011 Census) <i>Post Meeting Note: Jan Stobart has advised that the results of the 2021 Census will not start to be available until this summer and will then be published in phases.</i></p>	Yvonne/Tony
5.	Objectives and Policy Ideas	
	It was intended to discuss the objectives and policy ideas in the current draft however due to time restraints and the absence of Nikki and Hugh it was agreed that this would be deferred to the next meeting.	ALL

	Jan Stobart recommended that we start to think about appointing a Planning Consultant to assist us with developing the policies for our NP. She agreed to provide contact details of four consultants who are experienced in this area so that we can obtain quotes prior to submitting an application for funding.	Tony
6.	Next Meeting	
	Suggested dates to be circulated	Tony

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