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**JOINT MEETING OF BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL, NH STEERING GROUP AND WC**

**JULY6TH 2021** (Face to face and ZOOM)

**PRESENT: BPC:** P Paget, J Butler Hindle, G Wilkinson, S Paget, P Collins, A Slausarczyk,

J Collins, K Mahoney

**NH Steering Group:** J Butler, G Wilkinson (possible future members K Mahoney, P Hindle, A Slausarczyk)

**WC: M Kilmister –**NH Planning Manager, V Hodgson Link Officer, Laura Mayes

J Butler as Chairman of the NH Steering Group gave a brief of the plan and its progress over the last three years. The plan has been able to be completed on many aspects such as business, employment, community, green spaces, etc.

The Committee has changed and there is now a pause over the allocation of sites. Following a call for sites, reports by AECOM and Place Studio have been reviewed by the PC and comments made have been submitted. It was felt that the PC’s review was not fully taken into consideration and Place Studio would only work with AECOM’S recommendation of two sites to cover the numbers required by WC Core Strategy -80 dwellings by 2035. This is being appealed to reduce to 65 and allow for smaller developments. Also due to the unusual area of Bromham being made up of 5 hamlets, it was felt that smaller sites identified should be included.

Mike Kilmister’s Response to Items 2-13 from the Agenda:

MK Gave an account of the number of NH Plans he has been involved with and ones that are now in the system. It was stressed the importance of the Terms Of Reference (TOR) needing to be clear, with the PC having the final say. TOR needs to be clear if the Chairman is not present that the Vice Chair has equal voting rights.

The final plan is inspected by an Examiner; this process is quicker that the Local Plan.

WC will work with NH Steering group on policies and non-strategic policies. There are new Policies coming that will affect urban areas – design/aspects.

It was suggested the NHP should look at Health and wellbeing due to the Covid effect identified.

Group 7 of TOR: members not signed up – needs to be minuted.

The roles of the NHP/TOR group need to be reported to the PC.

Community Consultation evidence.

Reg. 15 must be minuted to go forward to Reg. 14.

To change to the Core Policy targets evidence of housing needs must be assured. Contact Victoria Lockwood –WC Housing Community Led Officer.

The AECOM report does not have to be accepted, but there must be specific evidence of need for the sites put forward based on housing needs.

If smaller sites are put forward developers may not be required to provide Social Housing.

If sites are for affordable/social Housing, this may be governed by the land owner and developer being OK with affordable housing. Again evidence is required to show a need. (Community Land Trust?).

New Legislation – First homes – 28th June, reflects minimum of 25% affordable housing.

LM: concerned that splitting the target, the affordable housing numbers will be affected, again depending on developers who would take this on. Depending on the viability of Sites.

PP Query: Bromham’s Housing survey identified a need for 19 dwellings, so why has the Core Strategy allocated a need for 80 dwelling over the next 14 years.

Reg. 14: formal consultation – WC collaborative response.

Screening option – Environmental Screening advised before submitting Reg.14 Which may require and Environmental Report which can be costly.

The 5 Hamlet approach: Policy direction. What evidence? Place Studio is recommended and will give good advice. There are specific grants available – start up grants £10,000/Technical grants/design?

If more professional advice is required regarding the viability of sites, it was advised to reconnect with Place Studio who is happy to continue, but need direction. WC will also advise.

To do a site selection –get Place Studio back on the plan, giving them a clear remit to assist.

Also mentioned for discussion Local Green Space and Design Code. The Government are keen on small to medium development.

Reg. 15 -Human Right, maps, NHP strategy, environment

Community Consultation evidence.

Reg.14 PC does consultation. The NH Group must consult with the PC

Reg 16 – WC

Examiner followed by Referendum

**Questions:**

* Other Grants? Lottery Grants plus other (MK to provide list to JB)
* Community Facilities – The Social Centre has been destroyed by fire on the 14th June. Design/Policies
* Primary School site– possible housing potential – land owned by WC building by Salisbury Diocesan may cause difficulties.
* The Plan should be Community led – concern that the committee is mainly PC representatives.

The Plan must be community led and have the backing of the community. The PC must be careful but can lead remit. It is essential that there are consultation responses and evidence. This has been difficult due to Covid restrictions.

Consultation may have to change to keep the community on board. Face book (Community only)

HOOT, Parish website.

VH to send relevant information concerning items discussed/email to JB. JB to contact Rebecca for a meeting.

**Main objectives are to get the community motivated using the summer when restrictions are lifted which may be an opportunity following this very difficult time, and to reconnect with Place Studio.**

Many thanks to those who attended especially to the 3 WC representatives KM, VH & LM