

## ES&BG Neighbourhood Plan Steering Team Meeting

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – split meeting to cover consultant interviews**

### Present:

Marian Dain	Paul Debenham	Simon Willson
Charles Gillow	Gill Lock	John Dain (reporter)

**Apologies:** Parts 1&2 – Beth Reed, Tony Greener; Part 2 - Gill Lock, Simon Willson

### Agenda 3<sup>rd</sup> August

- Plan for interviews – allocation of roles based on proposed question areas
- 1750 – setup for interview
- Interview I – Dave Chetwyn from Urban Vision
- Immediate reactions/comments on interview, learning for second interview on 10 Aug
- Agree record of last meeting ( [23 June 2021](#) )
- Risk Review/Update ( [Working Risk Matrix](#) )
- Update on Community Engagement (Gill/Marian)
  - Pop-up event findings ( [Community feedback from Logo exhibition](#) , [Community feedback from coffee mornings 6 July and 3 Aug](#) , [Community feedback from school pick up 15 July](#) )
  - Photo competition status
  - Pop-up events schedule – other engagement methods
- Update on Business/Stakeholder Engagement
- Finance update
- Development news
- B&D BC Local Plan update 1000 on 28<sup>th</sup> September

### Agenda 10<sup>th</sup> August

- Interview II – Leani Haim and Jon Dowty from oneil homer
- Review interview findings
- Agree whether to appoint or what next steps required.
- Share thoughts on format/approach to Community Consultations set for 24/25 September (see here for some emerging ideas [First thoughts on 24/25 September events](#) )
- Agree schedule for next SG meetings
- AoB & close

### Status/Decisions/Actions

- 1) Simon Willson welcomed to Steering team as a full member
- 2) Interview I completed successfully – format worked and clear impression of Urban Vision obtained
- 3) Record of last meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> June) – agreed as good record.
- 4) Risk Review/Update – no changes
- 5) Update on Community Engagement
  - Several pop-up engagements completed with generally similar findings – awareness of the NP project remains limited despite leaflet drops and other communication. Residents do seem interested once briefed.

- Aim to do more engagement during Aug/September (eg in pub @ weekends and any other events) in run up to big consultation sessions on 24/25 Sept but getting cut-through is likely to require door-knocking perhaps with circulating invites to the Village Hall events.
  - Photo competition continues with limited entries. Needs further reminders via social media etc. (Gill)
  - Big community consultations now booked for 24<sup>th</sup> Sept (evening) in Ecchinswell VH and 25<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) in Bishops Green VH. Initial thoughts on approach to be discussed in part 2 of this meeting
- 6) Update on Business/Stakeholder Engagement (John)  
Interview with Joe White for Sydmonton Court Estate held with findings reported. Meeting requests to other businesses/stakeholders have been set and interviews are being set up.
- 7) Finance (Charles)
- First tranche of grant money now received and will be used for community consultation activity/events.
  - Potential for VAT recovery on consultant fees was confirmed by Urban Vision based on small scale of our PC spend. Charles to implement with Sarah.
- 8) Development news (Marian)
- No further news on Catesby – PC have sent message to B&D BC seeking assurance that the BC will follow their established policies which would not support the Catesby Estates proposal for 400 houses in Bishops Green.
  - B&DBC have recently approved 4 houses to be built on one of the other brown-field land areas in Bishops Green identified in the SHELAA – relevance to our NP is that there is potential for much greater development on this site.
- 9) B&D BC have invited PC and NP team to an update on the Local Plan Update – this is set for 28 September which will be an opportunity to give them some highlights from our Community Consultation
- 10) Review of Interviews after successful discussion with oneil homer. Basic conclusion – we could work with either consultant team based on track record, recommendation from other NP teams and the interviews. However, unanimous conclusion from session with oneil homer is that they are preferred based on:
- They had done homework for the interview and were able to discuss parish specifics
  - Wide experience of doing plans for rural villages (eg Burghclere) and issues arising
  - Experience of working with B&D BC planning dept (confirmed by Burghclere)
  - Overall approach to plan – vision to spatial plan to policies vs big policy focus – holistic view – not just housing even if some aspects may be outside scope of policies that will be adopted by B&D BC. Talked about pro-activity in areas like response to climate change and Nature Recovery
  - Track records of helping out handling inappropriate development initiatives (e.g. Falcon in Burghclere which ended up providing an important prematurity precedent) and developing plans with Rural Business Hubs and Community Land Trusts.
- Decision to proceed with immediate appointment of oneil homer as our consultant so we can integrate a first meeting with them into the set up for Sept 24/25 Community Consultations.  
(Action – Marian – DONE – offered and accepted on 11 Aug)
- 11) Some discussion of run up/set up for 24/25 September Consultation. Agreement that a) we limit further pop-up activity as not likely to add much further insight and b) we drive towards distributing a leaflet & coaster to all households in the parish during early/mid Sept and during this distribution we aim to engage as many households as possible on the doorstep to maximise awareness of the NP activity and ensure attendance on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Concept of the 3 interaction zones at the event looks workable but detailed design will benefit from oneil homer input.
- 12) Next SG meeting is due on 24 August – once we have idea on when we can meet oneil homer we will look at possibility of moving this unless there are any urgent issues to cover.