

ES&BG Neighbourhood Plan Steering Team Meeting 1930 Tuesday 5th April 2022 ([5th April 2022](#) ([Web view](#)))

Present: Marian Dain; Paul Debenham; Simon Willson; John Dain (reporter)

Apologies: Gill Lock; Charles Gillow; Tony Greener;

Agenda

1. Agree record of last meeting ([28th February 2022](#) ([Web view](#)))
2. Risk Review/Update (Marian) ([Working Risk Matrix](#) ([Web view](#)))
3. Action Log Review (Marian) ([Action Log](#) ([Web view](#)))
4. Finance update (Charles)
5. Update on Call for Sites process (All) – pre-read is here ([5th April 2022](#) ([Web view](#)))
6. Update on SEA and Design Code work (Marian)
7. Progressing the plan write up via Jon Dowty – what evidence is outstanding (Marian)
8. May Community Consultation (all) – pre-read posted before the meeting ([5th April 2022](#) ([Web view](#)))
9. Update from latest steps in B&D BC LPU - (Marian)
10. Development news (Marian)
11. Next Meetings – currently agreed schedule
Steering Group Meetings:
 - Tuesday 10th May 2022 @ 1930
 - Tuesday 7th June 2022 @ 1930
 - Tuesday 5th July 2022 @ 1930
 - Tuesday 9th August 2022 @ 1930Community Consultation
 - Thursday/Friday/Saturday 26th/27th/28th May at the Village Halls (booked ??)Any other business

Status/Decisions/Actions

1. Record of the last meeting on 28th February ([28th February 2022](#) ([Web view](#))) was agreed and has been uploaded to the NP pages of the PC website along with an update of March activity.
2. Project risks ([Working Risk Matrix](#) ([Web view](#))) were reviewed with new risk areas added relating to timely delivery of work by AECOM, the Call for Sites process (a new factor being need to allow late entry of a potential site to the process (see below)) and the evidence write up by oneil-homer.

A further risk to the whole project has been identified relating to a case where a recent planning application for a barn conversion got through without review on a technicality because B&D BC had not reviewed/ruled in time. The concern is that the serious backlog of cases in B&D BC might allow Catesby/Hathor projects to slip through which would completely derail our plan.
3. Items on the action Log ([Action Log](#) ([Web view](#))) are progressing with the main focus continuing on the Call for Sites and development of early draft policies and supporting evidence.
4. Finance. Locality funding for 2022/23 is now confirmed but there will no longer be grants for detailed design of affordable housing projects (as Burghclere have been doing). Bill for oneil-homer to end March has been paid and unspent grant from 2021/22 will be returned. A new application for the balance of our allowance will now be made to cover work from April onwards.

5. Call for Sites. Our selection process has resulted in 3 “good” potential sites in Bishops Green and 2 in Ecchinswell. A further 3 “fall-back” sites are in place. These were submitted to AECOM for SA work together with a write-up of the selection process.

On 31 March, the agent for the owner of a site whom we had contacted in the initial communication came back with what is a very late offer. As the site meets our base criteria and as we have not yet got to Reg 14 consultation, B&D BC, AECOM and oneil-homer have advised us that we should take it into our process despite being offered more than 6 weeks after the deadline we set – rationale for this is to avoid the risk of the project being delayed by the site owner initiating a judicial review on the grounds that our process is unfair(!). AECOM have rejigged the timetable of their field visit and will incorporate in their SA work (which was already well underway). Total delay should be less than 2 weeks with AECOM giving us the initial SA output in early May vs late April.

6. AECOM should have got consultee feedback from the SEA scoping report by 29 March so we expect that to complete shortly. The site specific SA work is underway. The Design Code work is underway with a field visit completed on 30th March. The consultants “get” the rural nature of the parish, the inappropriate designs of some recent housing (notably in Ash Road) as well as the mix of styles that has evolved over time. Report will come late May/early June.
7. Jon Dowty has started write up of policies and site selection using the evidence we have gathered – he will identify any areas where we need to generate more – none requested so far.
8. Community Consultation agreed for late May (26/27/28) in the village halls. Provisional plan is for 1600-2000 on 26 & 27 May in EVH & BG VH respectively and 1100-1600 on 28 May in EVH. Locations are based on Hall availability (reserved and will now be confirmed by MD).

Initial thoughts on content reviewed/generally supported in terms of approach – we will need care to balance showing all the detail with digestibility. We will use large part of next SG meeting on 10 May to review the planned content. Look at option of moving display for some of the material.

Agreed need to advertise this event widely – per last September, there will be announcements by email, websites, Facebook, parish magazine. Agreed need for another flyer to be developed and distributed to all homes in early May (will be designed and circulated to SG for review). Suggestion to look at posters by pond, sandwich boards etc to act as reminder/reinforcement.

9. No material updates from B&D BC LP update – next meeting on Spatial Study is in June and current objective is to reach Reg 14 stage by September. However big numbers issues seem still to be uncertain (Overall Gov target for B&D BC, adjustments to this based on house prices and the decisions re proposed allocation to Tadley).

Feedback from Robyn Milliner of B&D BC indicates that the LPU spatial study work will include the basic Settlement Boundaries they proposed for Bishops Green and Ecchinswell (we will formally support these) and assuming our plan goes forward and gets approved, our proposal for the additional satellite SB for Ecchinswell will also be incorporated in the LPU

10. No new development news – the Catesby Estates and Hathor Properties applications are still in play and the risk of slipping through on a timing technicality (per risk review above) highlighted.
11. Dates for following meetings confirmed.

No other business – meeting closed.