MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING Held on Thursday 10 June 2021 At 10:30 am



Attending: Chairman, Cllr D Thomas, W Mack, G Hogan, Mrs D Dolley, Mrs Y Scriven

1. WFDC Comments on Design Codes

WFDC had forwarded two pages of comments on the Design Codes prepared by AECOM. Unfortunately AECOM had already completed the report and had it signed off by Locality. It was suggested that we should ask AECOM if they are prepared to update the report with these comments. If not, then we would return them to WFDC and ask them to resubmit as part of the formal Consultation Process when they could be recorded and actioned. If AECOM were not prepared to update the report then we would ask Kirkwells to ensure that basic text corrections suggested by WFDC, where included in the NP, should be amended accordingly.

2. **New Timetable** – Noted.

3. Wildlife Corridors

GH had provided extracts from other NPs which indicated that they had been prepared for them by specialist groups. DD said that the Biological Records we had obtained from the County Council were important and should be made available to the parish for the future. There was some indication that we may not have any Wildlife Corridors in the parish, due to the largely undeveloped nature of the area, but more research was required. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with DD/YS/WM and a representative from the Records Office by Zoom to discuss this further. YS would ask Kirkwells for their opinion.

4. Review of draft NP

YS had prepared a schedule of small alterations to the report and DT would add his comments to the schedule and circulate to members. Generally the report was very good. Kirkwells to ensure that maps were cross referenced in the NP and we would need a separate policies map for Harvington. DT said that Policy CF2 needed strengthening to ensure that Change of Use was not given purely on any current owner's financial situation. It was noted that our previous objection to gated developments had not been carried over to this draft, and this position was now supported by the comments from WFDC. DT would re-write the sections describing the call for sites (page 12 and pages 50-51).

With regard to H2/3 – it was suggested that the proposed Viability Report should assess whether Affordable Housing for sale was viable for the former Garden Centre site. YS to advise Locality.

5. Technical Support for Viability Assessment on Housing Sites

This had been applied for and YS had provided information about the various sites which they were currently assessing. They anticipate completing this scoping next week and will then seek MHCLG approval to complete the assessment, and hope to be in touch with the scope and plan of work w/c 21 June. This would be at no cost to the Parish Council.



6. Date of next meeting

7 July at 3:00 pm. Members were asked to review the HRA and SEA reports prepared by Kirkwells.

