

NP Steering Group Meeting with WCC Strategic Planning
Wednesday 17 July 2013
Meeting Notes

Full minutes will be written by SO, WCC Strategic Planning, and forwarded when available.

Key points discussed:

- 1 LP Part 2 and NP Status
The meeting had primarily been called to discuss whether or not Wickham is working towards a NP.
WCC had recently commented that only Denmead is doing a NP and when challenged SO had said that we were not formally doing one as we had not formally registered.
The Steering Group reiterated our position and that of WPC:
That we are working with WCC towards LP Part 2. We are following a process that is necessary whether we just input to WCC's LP Part 2 or end up developing a freestanding NP for Wickham. The intention is that the LP Part 2 develops in a way that can be supported by the local community and that the need for a NP is therefore negated.
SO and LD confirmed this as their interpretation of the position.
The issue of formal registration was then discussed:
This detail had not been given to the Steering Group previously, despite our formal registration of the above position with WCC Strategic Planning.
WCC now say that a NP requires a formal request to WCC and this would be registered on their website.
SO said that they had not asked us to do this as they do not think it is necessary at the moment, as they are happy with where we are in the process and thought that we were too.
SO confirmed that if the need arises it will not delay progress to a NP and that the work that has been done so far will count.
The decision was made to continue as we are.
SO also stated that we have followed the process prescribed very closely.

- 2 Needs Assessment Report
SO had seen an initial draft and was happy that it was appropriate and that the Steering Group had followed the prescribed process closely.
He would be happy for the report content to be added directly to the templates once it is formally available for WCC, but a decision was made that it should be free standing and WCC could add bits as they required.
He also commented that the progress that we had made and the evidence that we have accumulated is in line with Alresford and not far behind Bishops Waltham.
The Steering Group said that the full report and supporting documents would follow after the WPC meeting on 22 July, ahead of their deadline of 26 July.

- 3 Site Assessments
WCC had completed an initial Site Assessment checklist. The check list had been found in other places to be a poor differentiator. It had therefore been modified, including an additional column for detail from the local community, such as coherence with PP, VDS, etc.
SO said that WCC was in the process of doing various technical assessments – Landscape, Windfall, Transport, Sewage and Drainage and Historic Environment – and that they would share these with us as they came out.
SO suggested that they would like to hold a workshop with the Steering Group to put all the findings together and look for answers (as the needs should drive the choices) and so progress things. This will be on 23 September.
MduB suggested that the whole of PC might be invited but SO felt that there would be too many to make the necessary progress. NO will be invited as Clerk.

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Developers Briefing

SO confirmed that he and LD would attend on 14 August.

He suggested that the purpose of the briefing should be to tell potential developers what we have found in the needs assessment. He suggested that we should let them know that the Steering Group is working with the community towards our allocation. We will also tell them that it is the aim of the Steering Group and PC to work with them towards our allocation.

SO suggested that we should dissuade developers from jumping the gun and putting in premature allocations.