

DENMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Meeting Notes – Workshop to look at the NP Process, Areas of Work and Sustainability

Date of Meeting Thursday 5th July 2012
Present: Cllr Neil Lander-Brinkley (NLB)
John Knight (JK)
Peter Ambrose (PA)
Patricia Stallard (PS)
Felicity Hull (FH)
Pepe Chisenga (PC)
Penny Lehmann (PL)
David Griffiths (DG)
Jim Kerr (JKerr)
Jenny Nell – WCC (JN)
Revd Sandra Edwards (SE)
Stuart Woodin – Locality (SW)
Deb Appleby – Locality (DA)
Notes taken by Tony Daniells (TD), Clerk to Denmead Parish Council

1 Introduction

NLB welcomed everyone to the Workshop, including some new faces. Others had been contacted and agreed to help with particular work streams. He welcomed Stuart Woodin and Deb Appleby from Locality. The Workshop had been arranged to look at specific topics. Some of these had been identified through the Blueprint exercise. A quick analysis of the postcard survey had put housing at the top of the list with traffic volume and speed coming second. More in depth analysis would be needed when more time was available.

2 Stuart Woodin

Stuart started by giving some ideas for a Neighbourhood Plan to set the scene leading into the group work. These focused on the topics of getting around, business/retail, open space and housing.

Stuart referred to the important process around neighbourhood planning. The end of the process would see a referendum on the Plan so it was important that it was followed. Denmead had already completed several important steps of the 12 steps in the process. He then referred to evidence needed to support the content of the Plan. The evidence would be needed to defend any challenges from developers.

Stuart had reviewed the Local Plan from WCC and commented on references made in the Plan to the needs identified by Denmead

For market housing, the Local Plan allocates 150 – 250 houses over its 20 year period. The neighbourhood plan would identify local needs and allocated preferred sites. He compared the benefits to be gained to the parish from a large development against that of many smaller developments.

Affordable housing could be allocated to sites outside of the development boundary on an exception basis.

The Plan recognized the shortage of recreational and open space

There was little mention of burial space and neither was there an economic strategy detailed.

The Gap should retain its open nature and development may be permitted.

In setting the scene for the work groups, Stuart advised at

- looking at means to reduce the demand on the transport network.
- Looking at the range of uses for land. He had reviewed the criteria being used to assess SHLAA sites and found this to be good.
- Maximizing the environmental and exploring the benefits to the community that different options could give.

The meeting then split into work groups to look at challenges and issues in each of the areas, together with identifying where the evidence was. The work groups comprised

Housing	JN SE JK
Getting around	NLB PS PL
Industrial	DA PC FH
Recreation	JKerr PA DG TD

After working in groups for 25 minutes, the meeting reconvened. Stuart discussed the topic of sustainability.

After defining sustainability, he looked at the key elements of social, economic and environmental. Guiding principles behind sustainability were

- Minimize the impact on the environment

