DENMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Meeting Notes - Meeting of the Steering Group

Date of Meeting Tuesday 20 August 2013 at 7.30pm in The Old School

Present: Cllr Neil Lander-Brinkley (NLB) Peter Ambrose (PA)

Cllr Kevin Andreoli (KA)

D/Cllr Patricia Stallard (PS)

Neil Rusbridger (NR)

John Knight (JK)

Cllr Felicity Hull (FH)

Jenny Nell (JN)

Philip Hayller (PH)

Gareth Williams (GW)

Notes taken by Tony Daniells (TD), Clerk to Denmead Parish Council

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018/13NPSG Welcome and Apologies

NLB welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Steve Lincoln, David Griffiths and Nat King Smith. Gareth Williams was introduced as our replacement contact in Strategic Planning whilst Jenny Nell is promoted to other duties in WCC. Gareth gave an overview of his background in planning in which he has worked for both Portsmouth CC and more recently, for Havant BC.

019/13NPSG Notes of the last meeting of the Forum/Steering Group

The notes of the SG meeting held on Thursday 25 June 2013 were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

020/13NPSG Steering group matters

- 1. Working with Locality and Planning Aid PA gave an update of working initially with Stella Scrivener and subsequently with Liz Beth who performed a co-ordination role, with support coming from Peter Wilson and Beth Applegate. All worked for Planning Aid. Changes to personnel requiring extra briefing had detracted from time spent furthering the DNP. They had given some useful feedback on the skeleton Plan. All support came from a distance and they were not always available. PA had contact Stuart Woodin and discussed the situation. Stuart had suggested a way forward and PA would document this and send to John Madjesky. NLB had raised the same concern with DCLG and their response was awaited.
- 2. Locality Convention 2013 no one present expressed a desire to attend, as the agenda appeared to be tailored to other community initiatives.
- 3. Workshop on Evidence this was suggested by Planning Aid but after consideration, the SG would not press for it to happen in the immediate future.
- 4. Support from WCC Gareth Williams would provide support from WCC and he was present at the meeting.
- 5. Writing the Neighbourhood Plan NLB had spoken with Winslow TC whilst on holiday and been given details of how they engaged with an external consultant (called rCOH) recommended by AMT to write their Plan. Action: TD to contact AMT to get the names of three recommended external organisations who could do the same for Denmead.

021/13NPF Development Placement

NLB reported that a workshop had been held to formulate 5 options for development and these options had been reviewed by a focus group. These options are being put to residents as three public consultation sessions. A leaflet had been delivered to all households in Denmead advising of the date and location for these. The results of this engagement would be analysed by members of the Steering Group – held as a workshop - on Wednesday 4 September between 10.00am – noon. If further analysis was needed this would occur on 5 September starting at 7.30pm. Both sessions would be held in the Old School.

The options results would be assessed against SHLAA sites at a meeting to be held on 19 September starting at 5.00pm at the Old School in preparation for a meeting with WCC Officers on 24 September. KA advised that the Development Placement WP would have also completed their assessment of the SHLAA sites against their criteria by that date. PA asked about a review of the Gap boundary, and how this should be addressed on the north and south boundary. JN suggested that he talk to GW regarding further advice on this work.

GW informed the Group that the meeting on 24 September with WCC Officers would have a structure and be the same structure as used with other Councils. This would be given out well before the meeting. PA & NLB thanked GW for this but emphasised that this was Denmead's meeting with the primary need to progress the NP.

It was agreed that there will be views on open space as well as housing placement before the next public consultation sessions to reinforce the point the a NP was not just about housing.

022/13NPF Demographics and Housing WP

PH had finalized his paper with its findings. It wasn't necessarily new news but confirmed the statistics that Denmead would have an aging and increased elderly population over the life of the Plan. His paper would be circulated with these minutes. PH was handed the latest copy of the Parish Profile document updated with 2011 Census information. PS pointed out that HCC Research Dept. may also be able to give population projections.

023/13NPF Infrastructure WP and Employment WP

A draft paper with the findings and some proposed policies had been presented to the last meeting oif the SG. This needed to include a map of the primary shopping area. The paper should also be uploaded to the NP website as an information paper to invite further reaction.

024/13NPF Formal Recreation, Environment and Green Spaces WP

There was no update on this work package. The ecologist engaged to look at sensitive areas had completed his site visits and his reports were awaited. The final output from the working party should identify listed buildings but also other areas or structures that were worthy of retaining together with proposals for village open space and community projects. Members were asked to notify PA of any of these. KA also suggested that the environment should also include the sky and any policy on light pollution.

025/13NPF Community Engagement

The use of social media was discussed. Its light use was not considered to be a disadvantage. The email distribution list, together with poster and other means of communication was considered sufficient to engage with residents. It was also suggested that use could be made of Denmead Communications system and PA would contact Brian Turner to discuss its use. **Action: PA to discuss use with BT**. It was agreed that the website should be updated with the options and SHLAA map used at the recent public engagements.

026/13NPF Other matters [ref minute 20 point 5]

NLB suggested that the Group should contact AMT to get recommendations on who could write the final Plan. Action: The Clerk to contact AMT to get three recommendations and associated costs.

027/13NPF Dates of future meetings

The next meeting of the Steering Group was agreed as Thursday 19 September 2013 where matters needing discussion could be raised prior to the workshop to review SHLAA sites against preferred options of the village.

A Steering Group meeting will be held on Monday 14 October 2013 starting at 7.30pm in The Old School.

Meeting closed at 9.08pm

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Demographic and Housing Work Package - write up

Whichever population projections one takes, for the period under review, it is evident that the retired and elderly population in Denmead is set to increase significantly, to a greater extent than in the Winchester area as a whole.

The SE Plan statistics show that the total population will increase by 1,760 (28.4%) between 2001 and 2026. Those in the age group 65 - 74 will increase by 360 (64.6%) and those in the group aged 75+ will rise by 631 (121.8%). The corresponding trends in the Natural Plan indicate 65 - 74 increase of 354 (63.6%) and 75+ 569 (109.8%).

What does this mean for the type of accommodation, housing provision and local services required in the near future? Might we suggest a few - supported by the survey we carried out with local estate agents, church and community care providers plus the local medical centre practitioners and comments from the Winchester CC New Homes Delivery Team ..

- The need for provision of low cost housing. It is acknowledged that people raised locally are unable to stay in Denmead due to high property prices. If they were able to remain locally there would exist a greater ability for the wider family to support their older members.
- Would it be useful to explore in greater depth part/buy rent.
- If more people are encouraged to remain locally, a need to increase local employment opportunities. Including in this the importance of maintaining and developing local shops.
- It is recognised that there exists a desire from local residents to retain their independence despite issues of safety and mobility.
- The need to create a flexible dwelling stock that meets a range of needs, including older people who may wish to downsize, stay in their own homes or move to specialist accommodation.
- A clear need for suitable two bedroom bungalows close to the centre of the village near shops, the health centre and public transport. This may not be feasible due to lack of suitable space but the answer might be flats within two storey buildings 'a la' Ludcombe.
- A lack of social facilities/meeting places both in the centre of the village and where people live. This is in respect of all age groups. All Saints Hall, the Memorial Hall and the Community Centre were unable to cope with the demand placed on them.
- The Practice Managers at Denmead Health Centre have no strategic plans in place to cope with the demographic trends. They commented that that surgeries were reactive not proactive. It was not felt, however, that there would be any pressure on space at the Centre due to the demographic changes. It was felt it should be quite feasible to accommodate additional needs in the current building.
- Clearly as medical procedures improve and people live longer dementia is, and will be, a real problem in society. How do we provide geriatric support? Often, in many situations, the need was for a response in hours rather than days. There is a successful 10 bedded geriatric unit in Havant no such provision exists locally.
- We will need more and fully trained community nurses. Current provision was not effective due to lack of funding short support visits and different carers.
- People in the older age range clearly tend to have higher dependency needs and frailty issues. A range of needs might be met by adaptable accommodation such as Lifetime Homes. Other needs might be best met by long term care services with a fully compliant care environment. The current stock of care beds may not be able to answer this need over the next two decades. The existing small homes are most vulnerable. Much of the existing accommodation is likely to poorly placed to deliver the high quality care that will be required by the increasing number of heavily dependent elderly people. Care homes with small bedrooms, bedrooms without en suite facilities and care homes with 30 or fewer beds, will be vulnerable as dependency levels increase.