

Hook Neighbourhood Plan



Minutes of the Hook Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting Thursday, 19 January 2017 at 19.30 hrs Hall 2, Elizabeth Hall, Raven Road, RG27 9HH

Present Jane Bonnin (Parish Councillor)
Debra Davies (Parish Councillor)
John Orchard (Parish Councillor)
Martin Whittaker (Chair)
Rob Leeson
Sue Mesher
Christine Randall
Janet West (JWe)
Diana Whittaker (Secretary)
Sandra Smith

17.01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Anne Atkins

17.02 Minutes of the NPSG Meeting held on 15 December 2016

The minutes were agreed by those present at the previous meeting as a correct record of that meeting.

DW will arrange for the minutes to be put on the website.

DW

AECOM had not yet come back with the expected Technical Support due to the Christmas holiday. The decision meeting was due on 17 January. It was hoped that they would be able to attend the next meeting

17.03 Hart Local Plan

17.03.01 Although RL had attended various meetings, he was unable to report any advance in the Local Plan. Indeed, the matter of site selection seems to have regressed putting many of previously “discarded” sites back in the mix, with the possibility that it will be necessary to carry out detailed assessment of every potential site in Hook.

17.03.02 It was agreed that RL and CR will endeavour to find out whether further assessment of the sites on the latest SHLAA list is planned and, if so, when. Also, what has happened to the Adams Hendry assessments.

RL & CR

17.03.03 It was further agreed that, in parallel, the SG needs to talk to AECOM about the SHLAA list and seek their advice, but this could only be done once the Technical Support was in place.

MW

17.04 Policies

	<i>Sense of Community</i>	RL
17.04.01	RL said that he has narrowed the scope as he thought the content should relate to land use.	
17.04.02	The reference to specific bodies or groups, e.g. HPC, has been generalised. JB confirmed that as HPC are the sponsors and will need to approve the Plan, this makes them responsible for it to be carried out and, therefore, they take implicit responsibility.	
17.04.03	In relation to 4.3, JWe was concerned that some elderly residents already feel isolated. This was taken on board and discussed.	
17.04.04	<i>Provision of Facilities 4.14 SP/SC.2:</i> The consensus was to encourage diversity of use, but this may be a Community Aim. 4.17 (Pedestrians) and 4.18 (Community Facilities) were agreed. 4.19 (Parking) : MW will send RL and JO a copy of the evidence produced to Hart DC relating to the need to preserve the Crossways Car Park as part of Hook Centre.	MW
17.04.05	<i>Education</i> During a discussion relating to the use of leisure facilities, it was agreed that a Policy to the effect that schools must be community schools should be inserted. The SG noted CR's concern that care must be taken on funding as there might be a perception of double taxation regarding school facilities.	MW
17.04.06	<i>Design</i> JWe is pursuing her queries relating to the Government policies on air pollution, environmentally friending housing design, etc with the MP. It was agreed that the Plan may need different categories of residential units/dwellings. For example limiting blocks flats, which were not included originally, to 4 storeys, and houses to three storeys. It was agreed that the Design Guide should be a separate document and in order to make it binding, there will be a policy that developments should be generally in accordance with that Guide. Under 4.47 include "Reflects" or "Enhances" before "High Quality Design".	JWe SM SM MW
17.04.07	<i>Annex A : List of Areas to be Protected</i> A number of additions to the list of green spaces for protection were suggested. All members are asked to advise DD of any more for checking.	ALL

DD agreed to be more specific on the locations of Habitats and all members are asked to advise DD of any additional areas for consideration.

DD

ALL

17.04.08 Business

The SG reminded itself about the requests in the Business Survey to support and enable successful small firms to move into local increasingly larger premises.

SM

A request has been submitted by HPC that HDC impose Article IV regulations on the business park. This would not preclude the conversion of offices to dwelling units, but would require planning permission to be obtained.

17.05 Next meetings – Room 2, Elizabeth Hall

16 February 2017
16 March 2017
20 April 2017
18 May 2017
15 June 2017

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.