

**Minutes of the Hook Neighbourhood Plans Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 22nd September 2014 at 19.30 hrs
1 Painters Pightle, Hook RG27 9SS**

Present Anne Atkins
Mandy Butler
Barry Deller
Sue Gibson
Anthony Hawkins (Chairman)

14.38 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jane Bonnin, Debra Davies, Rob Leeson, Peter Moore and Mike Morris.

14.39 To approve the minutes of the NPSG Meeting held on 30th July and 10th September 2014

The minutes were agreed unanimously as a correct record of both meetings.

14.40 To agree recommendations to Hook Parish Council on the response Local Plan Options Consultation

Part of the remit of NPSG is to make recommendations to the DSC, which will meet on 25th September. With the applications currently in process, Hook will have taken 700 of the total number identified in the SHMA i.e. 10% of the total. The residual housing is 4,000 for which the options are being considered. Each option was discussed and recommended responses to the consultation questions were:

Question1

Option 1 - Settlement Focus. This involves brown field sites which is likely to occur anyway, independent of the Local Plan. Strongly support this option. High sustainability score. **Priority 1**

Option 2 - Dispersal Strategy. This puts Hook in the frame, which is a continuation of existing policy. Hook will have already taken 10% of the total. Some areas do not have sufficient identified sites to take any significant housing. The NPSG is unconvinced that the distribution would be proportionate and fair, being subject to site availability elsewhere. This is high risk for Hook, making it difficult to ensure infrastructure improvements to support the level of growth. **Priority 3**

Option 3 – Focused growth (Strategic urban extensions). Both sides of Hook would have to take large development in addition to the 700 already taken. This is in direct competition with Option 4, but less sustainable. **Priority 4**

Option 4 – Focused growth (New settlement). This is the preferred option. It allows for sufficient funds to be secured to provide appropriate infrastructure. Sustainability score is highest and is more appropriate and deliverable than 3. This option would take up to 10 years to deliver so would be delivered with a combination of Option 1, and Option 2, required to provide the housing in the interim. **Priority 2**

Option 5 – Only the ground nesting birds/SPA would benefit from this option. This would adversely affect RAF Odiham. From a Hook perspective this option would be a disaster. NPSG do not support this option. **Priority 5**

Question 2 - Yes, but for rural affordable housing for local need.

Question 3 - In the area that is within easy access of the underutilised railway station at Winchfield.

Question 4 - No comments

14.41 To agree actions resulting from the:

14.41.1 Follow up from visit by Liz Bourne, Towns Alive consultant

Liz Bourne has sent a quote for the support options Towns Alive can offer. Due to failure of the phone/internet in the office this has not been received, but will be circulated ASAP.

Recommendations to be made to October PC

- To approve delegated authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the NPSG, for expenditure of the £2000 grant from Hart and approved budget for publicity.
- To approve the appointment of Towns Alive to support the process of delivering a Neighbourhood Plan, to be paid for from the Hart grant.
- To apply to Awards for All for a grant to update the Parish Plan research.

ACTIONS – Anne - Approach HDC for additional funds in view of the closure of the DLCC funds.

14.41.2 Report on volunteer recruitment events

The three events have generated 70 expressions of interest. It is proposed to hold a public meeting, which residents and businesses will be invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting will be:

- To inform interested parties about the process, tasks and timelines for delivery of the NP.

- To identify individuals who are willing to volunteer to help, along with the skills, expertise and time they can offer.
- Identify key issues from which working groups can be formed.

ACTION –

Anne – Obtain dates for mid-November when Liz is available to present to the proposed public meeting.

Anne – Confirm venue (EH or School preferably) when date(s) agreed.

14.42 Any other business

14.43 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 21st October at 7.30 pm