

Minutes of the Meeting of the Hurst Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Held at the Castle Inn on Tuesday November 22nd 2022

Present John Edwards (JE) Chairman, Lou Robinson (LR), Duncan Kendal (DK), Brian Thomas (BT) and Penny Curry (PC) Secretary

Apologies Wayne Smith (WS), Gemma Moore (GM)

252 There were no prejudicial interests to declare

253 The minutes of the 29th September were approved and signed by JE

254 There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

255 Correspondence

JE responded to Mr Corner via HPC saying that we agreed with WBC LPU HELAA that land at Hedgerley Stables was not suitable for development.

Ms D Pleace has written seeking information. JE has replied saying that this is not in the public domain.

256 Update and Feed Back from LPU

WBC LPU Executive have been to visit all the strategic sites again and we await the outcome of their deliberations.

An amendment to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB) aims to dismiss the 5yr housing land supply requirements and mandatory housing targets. MPs are expected to vote on the amendment before Christmas. The Government is still intent on building 300,000 homes each year.

257 WBC have submitted for public consultation (Reg. 16) the Twyford and also the Finchampstead Draft Neighbourhood Plans
JE and LR had a catch-up virtual meeting with James McCabe on 14th November and he confirmed that given the current status of the LPU we should consider both old and new policies in the Hurst Neighbourhood Plan. JE requested WBC give an indicative housing number for Hurst.

ACTION: HNPWG to review all LPU policies and ensure the HNP policies are in accord with both and new

258 The proposed renewable energy site at Bill Hill, 5HU0053. This was also discussed at the meeting with WBC on 14th November Apart from the information provided in the LPU initial outcomes document published in September, 2022, JM confirmed there was little

information available about this submission and that we should request the LPU Growth and Delivery Team for information and if they would accept late comments as this submission was too late in the recent LPU consultation.

ACTION: Chairman to write to the Growth & Delivery Team requesting background information on the site including the remediation conditions once the SMART motorway work is complete. Also to mention that as this was a late submission, HNPWG should be able to comment on this.

259 Deep Vault Options for HNPWG documents

DK offered to provide this service and has setup a model site for examination and evaluation.

260 Update from the Group

a) Draft report on Analysis, Comments, Consultations and Assessment from GM.

b) Extended Analysis of Road Traffic Surveys. BT sent a comprehensive report to the Group. Results from the monitoring we undertook in September show that there are between 11,000 and 10,000 movements in a 7-day period on Broadcommon Lane. Whilst Forest Road shows double that in a similar period. The Group requested information for Lodge Road as evidence for the upcoming appeal on the Lodge Rd/Tape Lane field.

ACTION: BT to compile a recent traffic report for Lodge Road.

c) Progress on inhouse L.C.A. LR is progressing steadily with this report.

d) Progress on Business Report. PC waiting for additional information from WS. Also to include businesses at the Forest Road industrial site and Stokes Farm.

e) GM still to look at Design Guide. DK has posted all photographs

261 A.O.B.

There was no AOB.

All hands to support the appeal for the Lodge Road/Tape Lane field

Date of next meeting was set for Thursday 12th January 2023

Meeting Closed at 20.49pm

Signed

Dated