

Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan

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Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes

Tuesday 9th May 2017, 6.30pm Wallingford Town Council Offices

Attendees:

Rachel Rae – Project Manager WTC

Cllr Amanda Holland

Cllr Adrian Lloyd

Cllr Maureen Norton

District Councillor Imran Lokhon

District Councillor Elaine Hornsby

Alasdair Buckle – Nexus

The meeting started at 6.35pm.

1. Welcome

- 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Geoff Goddard – Chair and Cllr Mick Kidley.
Cllr Maureen Norton chaired in Cllr Goddard's absence.

2. Minutes from last meeting

- 2.1. The minutes from 25th April were approved.

3. Working Groups

3.1. Comments from Transport WG re policies – RR

- 3.1.1. Cllr Holland referred to an email from a member of the Transport Working Group regarding the bypass. Cllr Holland raised her concerns that the Working Groups are uncovering issues that are bigger than the WNP and should be addressed by the Town Council.

- 3.1.2. Cllr Holland asked that the Project Manager and Nexus to ensure all the Working Groups are made aware if any comments or feedback have been given on the policy work. The Project Manager confirmed all documents will be

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added to Google Drive.

3.1.3. Cllr Holland highlighted the need for better communication between the Workings Groups, especially housing as so much of the plan depends on housing. Cllr Norton suggested each Working Group circulates future meeting dates and invites a representative from the other Working Groups to attend as an observer. The Project Manager will email the Working Groups and ask them to share future meeting dates.

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3.1.4. The Steering Group discussed the Transport Working Group's policy T11. Alasdair confirmed that it is not possible for a neighbourhood plan to safeguard land of a bypass. The issue of safeguarding land for a bypass should be addressed by the District Council in the Local Plan.

3.1.5. The Steering Group asked the SODC Councillors if there is anything they can do regarding the bypass and to mitigating the impact of the Local Plan regarding the road straightening that is happening between Wallingford and Didcot. Cllr Holland explained how she fears that the proposed road straightening will result in more traffic and congestion in Wallingford.

4. Site Assessment

4.1. The Steering Group discussed allocating sites. Alasdair confirmed that sites cannot be allocated without the landowner's permission.

4.2. Part 1

The Steering Group agreed for the site assessment to be done to two parts. Alasdair suggested the Working Groups return part 1 by 26th May so Nexus can review the work before part 2 (10th June). The Project Manager will allocate sites to the Working Groups and update the members.

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4.3. Part 2

It was agreed the Project Manager will invite two members from each Working Group to attend on Saturday 10th June to carry out part two of the site assessment.

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5. Asset of community value – AL

5.1. Cllr Lloyd explained that the Town Council has the opportunity to nominate asset (building or land) they believe to be important to their community well-being, to be listed by the Local Authority as an Asset of Community Value. Cllr Lloyd suggested the Steering Group discuss what buildings they would like to see nominated as an asset of community value.

5.2. Alasdair suggested the Steering Group will need to think carefully about how this will tie into the WNP.

6. Timescale / Budget

6.1. The Steering Group confirmed that the next public consultation will be held on Saturday 8th July in the Regal Centre. Alasdair asked for the draft policies to be submitted by 26th May to give Nexus time to review it.

7. Communication / Correspondence

7.1. Meetings with site promoters

7.1.1. The Project Manager will write to the promoters from the focused call for sites to invite them to a half hour meeting with the Steering Group on Tuesday 23rd May.

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7.1.2. Cllr Lokhon will get an update from Site B and feedback.

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8. Neighbouring NPs

8.1. The Steering Group recently met with Crowmarsh Parish Council and have offered to support them however we can.

8.2. Brightwell Town Council held the pre-submission consultation in January. The Project Manager will ask for a copy.

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9. AOB

9.1. The Project Manager circulated some notes containing queries for a WG member. The Steering Group answered the queries and the Project Manager will update the WG member.

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The meeting finished at 8.20pm.

Date of next meetings:

- Tuesday 23rd May at 6.30pm, Wallingford Town Council offices.
- Tuesday 6th June at 6.30pm, Wallingford Town Council offices.

Saturday 10th June – Site Assessment meeting

- Tuesday 20th June at 6.30pm, Wallingford Town Council offices.
- Tuesday 4th July at 6.30pm, Wallingford Town Council offices.

Saturday 8th July – Public Consultation