

Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee

Second Meeting: Tuesday 9 July 2019, 6pm
Russets, Nash Road

Minutes

In attendance: Caroline Cousin (Chair), Wally Hammond, Jackie Goss, David Mayne, David Saunders (Secretary); Neil Homer (Consultant)

1. **Apologies for absence (if any):** Sarah Biswell.
2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the first meeting (28 May 2019):** Agreed.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes (not included elsewhere on the agenda):** None.
4. **Response from AVDC: status of the Nash Road application:** There was a discussion of the history of the allocation of this site in the neighbourhood plan, and of the application for planning permission. There were questions concerning the deed of variation being prepared regarding the transfer of the landscape buffer and the landscape amenity to the Parish Council. There were also questions regarding other aspects of the neighbourhood plan policy which might be secured by condition. It was agreed to write to AVDC requesting further clarification. **[Action: DS]**
5. **Response from AVDC: housing requirement for Great Horwood:** It was noted that the neighbourhood plan allocations, together with other housing commitments and completions outside the plan allocations, would meet the housing requirement for Great Horwood as specified in the emerging local plan (VALP).
6. **Discussion with Neil Homer, planning consultant for our existing neighbourhood plan:** Neil advised that, as well as considering the progress of our existing plan, we should also consider the long-term future of Great Horwood in the context of the forthcoming East-West Rail link and the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, both of which would facilitate (and oblige) considerable development in this part of Buckinghamshire. Neighbourhood planning gives parishes the opportunity to shape that development. In the short term, we might consider preparing a more ambitious version of our plan, possibly including policies on design, heritage, green space and similar matters, going beyond the spatial planning policies of our existing plan. Such a new version would need to follow the full procedure for preparing neighbourhood plans, with two formal consultations, an examination and a referendum.

As part of the long-term approach, Neil offered to facilitate a three-hour session in the autumn to help assess needs and opportunities to inform a second review of our plan in a few years' time. There was also consideration of both funding and technical assistance which could be available from Locality on behalf of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. It was agreed to write to AVDC to ask for their support for this approach. **[Action: DS]**

7. **Any other business:** It was noted that Newton Longville were holding a consultation event on long-term planning for their parish on Tuesday 16 July 2019 and Saturday 20 July 2019 (see attachments).
8. **Next meeting (date, time, place):** Tuesday 3 September 2019, 6pm, Russets

David Saunders
11 July 2019

Addendum:

After the meeting we received further information from AVDC regarding the Nash Road site, and so our next meeting might be brought forward. Committee members will be invited via Doodle to find a convenient date.

Attachments:

Follow-up note from Neil Homer. In this note Neil uses two acronyms:

- the "NPPF" is the Governments National Planning Policy Framework (most recent version, published in February 2019); and
- a "5YHLS" is a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites (sites either allocated in plans or with planning permission granted, where the houses are expected to be completed in the next five years).

Leaflet regarding the Newton Longville consultation event (two files).