

# Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Team held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at, 4 Spring Close, Great Horwood (By kind invitation of Chris Fellingham)

Present: John Gilbey (Chairman, JG), Chris Fellingham (CF), Rita Jenkins (RJ), David Saunders (DS), Jo Waggott (JW)

### **1. Apologies for absence**

All present.

### **2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th February 2014.**

These were approved and signed as true record.

### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 6th March 2014.**

These were approved and signed as true record. It was agreed to chase Neil Homer again, to request the documentary evidence from Site owner G, stating that his land has been removed from the control of Suffolk Life and that he holds the unencumbered title to the land for residential development.

**ACTION NPT/NH**

### **4. To consider matters arising from the minutes that are not otherwise dealt with on the agenda.**

All members "Register of interest forms" had now been received and are on file.

Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter 2 had been personally delivered to all households in the village last weekend by the Team.

### **5. To approve the payment for the hire of the villager hall for the community event.**

This was approved.

### **6. To review any emails received on the NPT email address**

DS had looked at the NPT's email, [npt@greathorwoodpc.org.uk](mailto:npt@greathorwoodpc.org.uk), and all emails requiring an answer will be responded to.

**ACTION NPT/RJ**

**7. To consider any changes to the Sustainability Scoping Report in the light of feedback from the 3 statutory consultees.**

The feedback had been received from the 3 consultees and will be forwarded to Neil Homer for his action.

**ACTION NPT/NH**

**8. To review the latest guidance on the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans from the DCLG and from AVDC.**

The message seemed to be that in the absence of AVDC's local plan, the current planning policies are AVDLP 2004-2011, which does not include up to date housing numbers, but AVDC state that a neighbourhood plan can be adopted ahead of an up-to-date local plan and the Winslow NP examination will re-commence, the public hearing day has been scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> May. The approach to take seems to be a policy protective one for Neighbourhood plans, for instance to stipulate a maximum of only 15 houses on land area of no more than 0.5 ha. The message from AVDC seemed to be that NPs can have influence and shape future development, and should not define specific housing numbers or put a "cap" on development They advise to work closely with the local authority who are preparing a new local up-to-date plan (will take 2 years).

We decided we should carry on as normal and speedily, to achieve the final pre-submission stage for approval by the GH Parish Council on 14 April, thereby entering the statutory 6 week consultation period, then submitting proposals to AVDC, then submitting Plan proposal to AVDC examination (Sept. / Oct 2014), and reaching community referendum stage in January or February 2015. Throughout this process, we will be modifying/reviewing policies and proposals, as appropriate and in line with the community views/localism act.

We asked ask Neil Homer for a detailed up-to-date work programme, which showed the above would be possible.

**ACTION NPT/NH/AVDC**

**9. To review the draft spatial policy and proposals map prepared by rCOH**

Neil was in the process of producing these. Neil advised he needed to review the housing needs survey outcome and the public events outcome on 29 and 30 March, and he would also produce the draft SEA and publish our own site assessments report in time for the pre submission consultation stage with the Parish Council on 14 April.

**10. To review the situation with the 3 proposed NPT sites**

We decided to ask Neil if his suggested dates for the developments in Little Horwood Road (sites D1 and F) to be built in the period 2020 to 2031 were realistic. In other words would this timescale be acceptable to either the landowners or AVDC.

A petition for no development had been placed on our website and sent to the NPT team from a resident in the Little Horwood Road, and it was agreed we should reply to all petition signatories, including the petition holder, explaining that no development in the village would be unrealistic, as the Govt. is recommending very strongly for there to be high levels of development across the country, and our Neighbourhood Plan is working very hard to oppose large scale development by providing smaller scale development on several sites and protective policies within our Neighbourhood Plan. We will invite the petition holder to our next NPT meeting to discuss any further concerns he may have.

**11. To prepare for the community event**

We agreed to ask Neil Homer when he could meet with us for a meeting regarding his recommendation of display materials and finer details of the above.

Jean Fox of Community Impact Bucks will provide A1 boards for our displays.

We decided that we needed one large map showing all the sites from the SHLAA and the ones that were identified subsequently with the reasons why each one was rejected and by whom. This is to re-emphasise that AVDC are the ones who ruled out most of the original sites. DS has produced a large map of all sites, to be displayed with a colour key:

Red = AVDC SHLAA rejected sites (with relevant AVDC correspondence/emails)

Blue = Sites considered but not available (with evidence letters from landowners who did not want to promote their sites)

Purple = large scale Developer sites (TW and VAHT)

Green = Our sites – G, D1 and F

The team decided to formulate a pro-forma feedback survey form for this event.

It was agreed to ask Lyndsay Dunham whether she would be displaying her site of Wigwell at the community event, as we had not received a reply from her.

TW and Duncan Vercoe had confirmed that they will be attending the Open Day Community Consultation event.

It was agreed to ask Neil to provide a display showing the basic Neighbourhood planning stages/process and our NPT timescale

**ACTION NPT/NH**

**12. Any Other Business**

Neil had emailed his first draft pre-submission plan and all teams members were advised to read in detail and give comments asap.

JW mentioned the Settlement Hierarchy Strategy published by AVDC in September 2012, we agreed that this matter needs scrutiny, as it appears Great Horwood continues to be wrongly classified as a large village. JG mentioned that the Parish Council had continually taken this issue up with AVDC. We decided to ask Neil how we could proceed to ensure re-classification to a small sized village if this category existed and not a large village.

We agreed to ask Neil to all our future NPT meetings – to make as much progress as possible.

**ACTION NPT/NH**

**13. Place, date and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April commencing at 8pm at 28 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, by kind invitation of David Saunders.

Signed and approved.....

John Gilbey  
Chairman, GH NPT  
2 April 2014