

Semington Neighbourhood Planning

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 22 on August 23rd 2023

1930 to 2130 Village Hall and by zoom



22.1

Those steering group members present: Sheralyn Milburn SM, Bill Scott BS, Peter Smith (Chair) and Katie Lea (Place Studios). Apologies were received from Vicky Bodman, Hugh Turnbull and Ian Williamson.

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There were no declarations of interest in relation to the agenda.

22.3/4

The minutes of steering group meeting 21 on July 11th were approved.

PS noted the following:

- There was agreement by the Parish Council at its meeting on July 19th for the NP documentation for Reg 14 consultation
- There was positive feedback from the village fête consultation about the neighbourhood plan
- Locality funding arrangements for 23/24 have now been nationally agreed. Our steps to obtain the funding we shall need for 23/24 are in hand.
- Wiltshire Council's local plan will be open for consultation from September 27th to November 22nd
- There was nothing to report on the NPPF or the passage of the Leveling Up Bill through parliament.

PS reported back on the presentation to the parish council about development of 'land north of St George's Road'. This piece of land (the southern half of the field to the west of the tennis court and orchard) has extant outline planning permission for 26 houses. The developer confirmed to the council that it was now pursuing full permission for 26 affordable houses in around 75% of the plot, and that there would be a village consultation in the autumn. PS noted that there was a rectangle of land within the plot lying immediately west of the tennis court and orchard which would not be included in the planning permission, adding that the developers had told the council that this would in all probability be the subject of a further planning application (for 8 to 12 houses) in due course.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the possibility of including this rectangular plot in the neighbourhood plan should be considered. **Action KL/ VT** reporting back before the next meeting.

22.5

Wiltshire Council's decision that there needed to be a full SEA because of our proximity to Trowbridge bats was noted. KL suggested that this would likely take at least 6 months because of delays in the review system. VB had already confirmed that she had applied for AECOM support with technical assistance in relation to this, and KL will be talking with AECOM about this. **Action KL**

22.6

A comms / publicity strategy to the community over the coming months was put on hold.

22.7

Amendments to the draft NP documentation as set out in the meeting papers were agreed. These will now be part of the agreed documentation.

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There were no Wiltshire Council planning decisions to note.

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The next meeting is on September 12th; 1930 in the social club. The main business will relate to developments outlined in item 22.4 (above).

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