

Semington Neighbourhood Planning

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 25 on January 16th 2024

1930 to 2130 Village Hall social club and by zoom



25.1

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

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

25.3/4

The minutes of steering group meeting 24 on November 14th were approved.

25.5

The revised NPPF was welcomed as this gives neighbourhood plans which allocate land for housing longer protection (2 years to 5 years) against speculative development, and because the shift to a 4-year HLS would protect Semington whilst the Wiltshire Local Plan is finalised. Wiltshire Council has until December 2025 to complete its plan if it is to retain the 4-year HLS protection. The Wiltshire Council briefing note [24/01] has been circulated.

25.6

The AECOM SEA report was discussed and feedback identified. This will be sent to AECOM immediately in order to facilitate the receipt of a final report which will go alongside the plan in the Reg 14 consultation.

Action BS – completed

The text requested by AECOM [#6.1] was agreed and will also be sent to them. **Action BS – completed**

KL and BS reported back on a recent meeting with Locality where the parameters of a viability study on one of the plan's sites was discussed. This is going ahead with a report due at the end of February. A bid has been made to Locality for further funding for Masterplanning technical support should this be needed following the conclusion of Reg 14.

25.7

The latest version of the draft Neighbourhood Plan was discussed with the latest changes outlined. A couple of errors were identified and these will be corrected **Action BS / KL**

The revised doc was approved for use in the Reg 14 consultation. It was agreed to run the Reg14 consultation from February 1st to March 15th. The Plan will be uploaded to the Semington web late on January 31st **Action BS / PC**

25.8

Changes to the background papers to the plan were noted and the papers agreed. These will be uploaded to the web **Action BS – completed**

The final AECOM SAE report will be uploaded to the web on January 31st **Action BS / PC**

Prior to February 1st, there will be checks that all docs have been uploaded to the web **Action KL / PS / BS**

The Place Studio Toolkit and the associated Tasks action log were discussed, and agreed as up to date records of actions taken and to be taken. Updated docs taking in the decisions made at SG25 will be circulated. **Action BS**

It was agreed that PS / HT / BS would work on the various communications tasks leading up to the start of Reg14 with other members of the steering group consulted on particular issues as they arise. **Action PS / HT / BS**

The various letters to be used in Reg 14 were agreed. These will be sent out late on January 31st. Letters to villagers and businesses will be put in the next parish magazine **Action BS / PS**

A leaflet advertising Reg14 will be inserted in the following magazine **Action HT / PS**

Communicating with the village will be by the parish magazine, Facebook, posters, leaflets, and the website. Co-ordination of this will be by **PS / HT**

Posters will be distributed round the village **Action HT / PS**

An informal drop-in event will be held in the village hall on February 24th [1100 to 1400] and the visuals needed for this will be planned **Action SM / PS** The hall will be booked from 1000 to 1400 **Action BS**

25.9

As noted above, it was agreed to run the Reg14 consultation from February 1st to March 15th .

25.10

Reponses to Wiltshire Council's local plan are now being considered. A recent PINS decision of a Wiltshire planning appeal acknowledged that the Authority had a 4.6 year HLS which was in excess of the 4 year HLS now required by the NPPF for authorities in the plan cycle that Wiltshire is now in. Whether this will influence the appeal over the 30 houses to the south of Pound Lane remains to be seen.

24.11

The date of the next SG meeting is February 13th . March 26th was identified as the subsequent meeting date. This will now be booked. **Action BS**

Business for the February meeting will focus on the Reg14 consultation, including preparations for the Saturday drop-in session.

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