

Semington Neighbourhood Planning

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 30 on June 18th 2024

1930 to 2130 Village Hall social club and by zoom



30.1

Steering group members present: Sheralyn Milburn SM, Bill Scott BS, Peter Smith PS – Chair, Hugh Turnbull HT, Ian Williamson IW. and Katie Lea. Apologies were received from Vicky Bodman.

30.2

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

30.3/4

The minutes of steering group meeting 29 on May 28th 2024 were approved. The Chair had nothing to report that wasn't on the agenda.

30.5

KL gave an update on the Aecom Masterplan Report for Turnpike Allocation Site. The draft report has been received and commented on to Aecom. The main issues raised in the comments related to the access to the site from the A361, the layout of the roads within the site, and the pedestrian access to the village from the development. Aecom is to be requested for a speedy submission of the re-drafted plan, no later than the end of the month. **Action BS**

KL confirmed that the Masterplan would then be included in our submission as a framework document which sets an illustrative direction for the development of the site, but does not specify what any actual development will entail. In that sense, it informs the negotiations to come. With this understanding, the steering group confirmed that it approved the Masterplan for inclusion in the submission.

30.6

The steering group noted the additions made to the draft plan document and confirmed that this draft would be the one to be submitted to Wiltshire Council. A final tidied up version of this will now be sent to Aecom so that they can amend the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report (deadline June 30th)

Action KL

KL confirmed that she was now working on the Sites Topic Paper which is an index to guide readers, and confirmed that the following documents were now ready:

- The draft plan
- Consultation Statement (including separate Excel appendix for comments / reactions)
- Aecom Site Options and Assessment
- Semington Landscape and Visual Sensitivity Report (and figures)
- Semington Key Views Report
- Rural Housing Need Semington 2021
- Viability opinion for allocation of Auction Field (SEM10) Semington (and appendices)
- Semington Character Statement Report in relation to local heritage assets.
- Semington Evidence Local Green Space Report

The following are nearing completion: **Action KL**

- Basic Conditions Statement (includes the HRA / SEA screening)
- Aecom Masterplan Report for Turnpike Allocation Site (30 June deadline for Aecom to deliver)
- Aecom Strategic Environmental Assessment Report (30 June deadline for Aecom to deliver).

It was agreed that the sign off date by the Parish Council will be the July 17th meeting with submission following this. The Parish Council will need to receive the draft plan and the Masterplan, and have access to all the support documents.

BS and KL (and the village webmaster) were asked to liaise over the placing of necessary documents on the PC website in preparation for this, especially with confidentiality in mind.

30.7

There were no NPPF updates, but the meeting noted that Wiltshire’s HLS figures had dropped to 4.2 from 4.6, and that uncertainties continued about the Labour Party’s views on neighbourhood plans and planning more generally.

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Business for SG meeting 30 on July 2nd will focus on completing the documentation for submission to Wiltshire Council.

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