

Semington Neighbourhood Planning
Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 9 June 29th 2022
1930 to 2130 in the village hall / zoom



9.1

Those steering group members present: Vicky Bodman VB, Sheralyn Milburn SM, Bill Scott BS, Peter Smith PS, Hugh Turnbull HT, and Ian Williamson IW. Katie Lea KL (Place Studios) attended by video link. Apologies were received from Emma Day ED.

9.2

There was one declaration of interest in relation to the agenda. VB may undertake paid consultancy for Place Studio on projects completely unrelated to Semington NP most likely in relation to community-led housing.

9.3/4

The minutes of steering group meeting 8 on June 1st were approved, and the updated information set out in the minutes was noted.

9.5

Thus far, responses from landowners to the call for sites have been received from: Hollins Strategic Land (Turnpike Close), CALA (Great Lees Field) and Mr Daniels (land off Church Street). It was agreed to remind anyone who had expressed an interest in making a submission (but not yet responded) before the response date (July 15th). **Action BS**

It was also decided to ask Hollins for an electronic copy of their completed response proforma which had only been provided on paper. **Action BS**

The SG reviewed the steps to be taken after the deadline, specifically whether proposals should be forwarded to AECOM for analysis or whether (given the small number of proposals received) there were alternatives. There was concern about how long this process might take and it was agreed to ask AECOM for an indication of likely timings for any analysis they might take. **Action VB**

9.6

Five responses from villagers to the call for sites leaflet have been received. These made 21 proposals. A recently received set of proposals was tabled together with a map showing their location in the village and an initial analysis of what was being proposed. The map will be scanned and forwarded to KL & BS. **Action VB.**

An up-to-date copy of Paper 9.2 will be circulated to all. **Action BS**

KL commented on the good quality of the “well thought out” responses received noting their relevance to a number of aspects of our work, for example, heritage, green space and green buffer zones. KL noted that it was not possible to protect all land surrounding a settlement as protection had to relate to particular and specific issues. She suggested that, given this, it might be useful to commission a professional landscape sensitivity study to inform work around policy formulation. The SG would inform that process by identifying potential development sites and providing data on key views. KL will further consider this and report back. **Action KL**

Details of the proposals for extensive housing development east of Hilperton will be forwarded to KL. **Action VB**

9.7

The circulated climate change survey was discussed and thanks were expressed to ED for the work she had done on this. The importance of this aspect of the neighbourhood plan was stressed, and KL reminded the SG that the purpose of the survey was to aid policy development. As such, it was deemed

essential that planning-specific issues were focused on and that the final document was brief enough to help ensure its ease of completion. After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that a relatively high-level survey was appropriate at this time. HT & BS were asked, in the light of all the feedback, to prepare a further Google Forms version of the survey. **Action HT / BS**

This will be circulated to everyone for on-line completion and for any comments to be received (to np@semington.org deadline July 8th). **Action All**

Following any revisions, the survey will be trialled at the fête (on-line and on paper) and then a final form would be circulated via Facebook in August and the parish magazine in September. The Wiltshire Council climate change team will be asked whether they have time to comment on the draft. **Action VB**

9.8

An oral report to the second village walkabout was made and discussed. It was agreed that notes and photographs would be circulated and that Place Studios would incorporate the information into the village character draft. **Action HT PS SM and Jacqui Hayley**

These will then be incorporated by Place Studios into part I of the previously circulated draft working document.

Areas around Littleton Mill and Little Marsh are still to be focused on. **Action All**

KL referenced a CPRE article about how local green spaces issues have been dealt with in neighbourhood plans noting that this will be to aid our thinking about the importance of the canal to Semington. The CPRE article is available [here](#).

9.9

The first working draft of the Neighbourhood Plan policies was discussed. Members noted that it was good to see our previous work around themes and objectives being brought together in a coherent and focused way which showed a clear direction of travel for the plan. Place Studios was thanked for this. It was agreed that this working draft would be added to from time to time and considered regularly at meetings. For example, PS will add green space data. **Action PS** Further attempts will be made to get data on businesses in the parish. **Action VB**

9.10

It was confirmed that our stall at the July 23rd fête will be in the village hall. Activities to include:

- [i] update since the last meeting (copies of the summary report made available) **Action PS**
- [ii] key views slide show with a spot the view activity **Action VB**
BS will forward pics to VB
- [iii] gathering views on parish green space using a map **Action PS**
KL will forward a resource that might be adopted or adapted
- [vi] climate change survey to be available on-line and on paper **Action VB**

There will be a brief meeting on July 21st (1900 in the Somerset Arms) to check final plans.

9.11

The latest changes to the Key Views report were discussed. It was agreed that

- [i] two views should be omitted. **Action KL / BS**
- [ii] the view of the northern gateway should be re-taken from the bridge over Semington Brook. **Action BS**
- [iii] *Lock Keeper's Cottage* should be changed to *Wharf House*, and *aqueduct* spelt correctly. **Action BS**
- [iv] the revise

d document (with hi-res pics) would be sent to KL for the annotated map to be included, and a low-res version forwarded to all. **Action BS**

9.12

The next steering group meeting dates were identified as August 10 – September 7 or 6 – October 12 or 11. These will be checked / booked with Gerald Taylor. **Action BS**

9.13

Business for the 10th meeting to include:

- i. Feedback on the fête
- ii. Outcomes of the call for sites
- iii. Whether to involve AECOM
- iv. The report on green space
- v. New evidence brought forward

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