

WALTHAM ON THE WOLDS AND THORPE ARNOLD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

MEETING NOTES: WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2016 WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attendees

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| David Jefferson (DJ) | Jayne Haynes (JHa) |
| James Houghton (JHo) | Cllr David Lovegrove (DL) |
| Cllr Martin Lusty (ML) - Secretary | Cllr Malcolm Mills (MM) |
| Glena Rowlands (GR) | Steve Ware (SW) - Chair |

Apologies

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| Claudine Baxter (CB) | James Beverley (JB) – MBC |
| David Hill (DH) | Judith Maidment (JM) |
| Rachel Quine (RQ) | |

Copies to:

NP Group members, PC notice boards/website and James Beverley, MBC

1. Notes from the last meeting

No requested changes.

2. Group membership

No changes.

3. Site Assessment

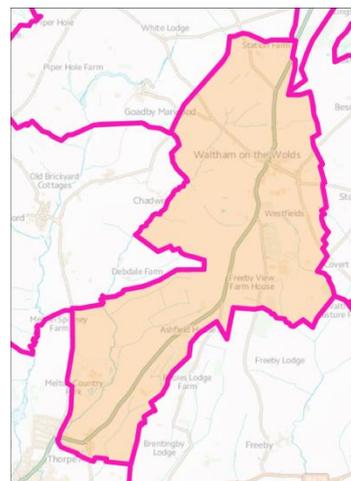
DJ tabled the latest version of the comparison table for potential sites in Waltham. We discussed the overall scoring system together with specific scores for the individual sites under consideration. Detail changes were agreed. It was proposed that a total score of 22 for a particular site would be an upper limit i.e. development should not be permitted on sites which scored an aggregate of 22 or more. This would apply to sites A1, A2 and A4 (note A1 and part of A2 had already received planning approval, subject to S106 agreements). Despite low scores, we felt that some of the other sites were questionable, notably I, J and F. Site A was thought to be only suitable for small-scale development. The possibility of defining a revised village envelope was also tabled.

A similar exercise is to be carried out for Thorpe Arnold. Before finalising our conclusions, everyone was asked to reflect and comment on the methodology and outcomes.

Actions: DJ/ML to update the table and ML to circulate. DJ to carry out the same exercise for the two sites in Thorpe Arnold as proposed in the 2016 SHLAA consultation. Everyone to reflect and comment on the methodology and draft conclusions.

4. Public Drop-in Consultation Meetings

ML had transferred the data to Excel and had previously circulated the lists of the individual responses and categories for both Thorpe Arnold and Waltham. Draft conclusions for Waltham were also tabled for reflection and comment by everybody. A similar document for Thorpe Arnold is still to be prepared. The full list of comments (anonymous, of course) and conclusions will be published as evidence once they are agreed.



Our initial thoughts were that the clarity of the consultation responses made a further survey unnecessary at this stage. This is to be checked with MBC.

A separate consultation session with the school pupils has been carried out and a similar exercise with the Scouts is planned.

Actions: ML to complete the summary for Thorpe Arnold and circulate. Everyone to reflect on the summaries and detailed lists and urgently feed circulate their constructive feedback and suggestions. ML to discuss the consultation outcomes with James Beverley of MBC (meeting arranged for 3 June). MM to forward the outcomes from the school consultation and complete the similar exercise with the Scouts.

5. Housing Design

The consultation session had disclosed a strong desire for housing design to be in keeping with existing architecture and heritage. JHo offered to draft design guidelines, to form a part of the NP. Although not present at the meeting, DH had also offered his considerable professional experience and GR handed over a contribution from architect Allan Mulcahy.

Action: JHo and DH to form a sub-group to draft design guidelines.

6. Rural Housing Needs

Midlands Rural Housing (MRH) will shortly carry out an independent Housing Needs Survey (HNS) on behalf of MBC, as reported at the last meeting. We have declined the offer to combine this with a survey relating to the NP. MRH has asked for support in distributing and collecting the survey.

Action: ML to organise distribution and collection of the survey forms once MRH have them available.

7. Current planning applications

Davidsons has met with some members of the PC and NP Group to further discuss its proposed Bescaby Lane development. Generally, Davidsons' approach and willingness to listen to the concerns and needs of the villagers was refreshing, although serious concerns remain. The intent is to submit a planning application in mid-July and host an open meeting in the village hall before submission.

8. Draft Neighbourhood Plan

We agreed that we could now begin to draft the initial version of the NP and that professional help would be needed to review the policies.

Action: ML to approach alternative consultants to establish offering and costs (carried over from last meeting) - an initial meeting is arranged for 2 June. SW/ML to consider the possibility of outside clerical support.

9. Project Plan

A tentative target date in September was suggested for the first full draft of the NP.

Action: ML to update the overall Project Plan following a decision on a survey (carried over the last meeting).

10. Next meeting: ML to arrange with four weeks.