



Beadesert and Henley Neighbourhood Plan

Project Review Update for Steering Group Meeting on 6 February 2023.

Background

The Steering Group meeting held on 16 January 2023 established a small sub-group to be led by Richard Clark and involving David Tomlinson, David Broadbent and the Parish Clerk Ray Evans, supported by Neighbourhood Plan Consultant Gary Kirk of YourLocale.

As previously agreed, the strategy is to progress the existing NDP making as few changes as possible to make it a robust document that will pass examination and by so doing to secure additional protections at a time of uncertainty in the wider planning environment, to be followed by a formal Review of the Made NDP once the housing requirement for the joint Parish is known and any release of the Green Belt confirmed.

The task of the sub-group was firstly to draft a response to the issues and options consultation on the South Warwickshire Local Plan Part 1 for consideration by the Joint Parish Council, and secondly to progress the NDP to submission to Stratford on Avon DC and to gather together the necessary evidence in support of the policies and to amend the document in line with comments made at Regulation 14 and in discussions with Officers from the District Council. This update concentrates on the NDP review.

Progress

A weekly schedule of meetings has been established and meetings of the sub-group have taken place on 23 and 30 January and 6 February 2023 with additional work undertaken in between. The group has worked hard to re-establish a momentum and is to be congratulated for moving forward at pace.

The meeting held on 23 January received a project plan to show an indicative timetable for submitting the NDP to Stratford on Avon District Council and an action checklist of tasks to be completed with an indication of who will be responsible for their completion. In advance of the meeting held on 6 February, a detailed review of all comments made at Regulation 14 had been undertaken and circulated and suggested policy changes drafted for consideration at the meeting.

The key issues to emerge and agreed future action can be summarised as follows:

- The indicative timetable anticipates an Open Event with the community once the amendments to the NDP have been made and outstanding evidence in place. This is likely to be March/April this year. Submission of the NDP is scheduled for early June and the Plan 'Made' by Stratford on Avon DC by the end of 2023.

- Gaps in the evidence base have been identified and are being filled. These include minutes from meetings and consultation events, evidence in support of the proposed Local Green Space designations, evidence in support of views and an updated Consultation Statement.
- A detailed analysis of all comments made at Regulation 14 has been undertaken. All comments received (running to 54 pages) have been responded to with an indication of whether the comments are accepted and what change is therefore to be made to the NDP, or alternatively that the comment is not accepted, and no change is to be made. The sub-group meeting earlier today (6 February) considered this analysis, and a separate set of actions will follow indicating who is to lead on each issue and the timescale for completion.
- It can be confirmed, having considered all comments made, that there are no 'red flags' and the revised NDP should be able to be submitted to Stratford on Avon DC within the timescales identified.

Future actions

Work will continue to gather together the necessary evidence and the NDP will be amended in line with the agreed changes.

Further updates will be provided at subsequent Steering Group meetings.

Gary Kirk

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