

EAST MEON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Minutes of Meeting Thursday 27th October 2016 @ 6.30pm, Church Hall

Present: Alan Redpath, Susan Davenport, Richard Bartlett (PC Steering Group)
Steve Ridgeon, George Thomason (Residents' Leadership Group)

Also present: Martin Hawthorne (WYG) 7.15 – 8.00pm
Caroline Scott – proposer of site B15 (Frogmore) 8.00- 9.00pm

Purpose of meetings:

- For the NDP groups to review progress and the anticipated timelines dependent upon the current pause in the South Downs National Park Authority schedule (SDNPA). (6.30 – 7.15pm).
- Meeting requested by Martin Hawthorne (**WYG**) asking the teams to review the feasibility of the NDP proposed woodland walk/footpath behind sites B9 & B2.
- Meeting requested by Caroline Scott to review the NDP's non-inclusion of site B15 (8.00 – 9.00pm)

NDP Status & Timeline

Some components still to be finalised but it was considered that the draft NDP could be submitted to the SDNPA in November. Further discussion on an updated NDP timeline and article for submission to Meon Matters – subsequently agreed and submitted.

WYG

Martin Hawthorne expressed concern regarding the both the need and feasibility for the woodland walk behind sites B9 & B9 (proposed developments sponsored by WYG).

The rationale and the desirability for a safe path linking to other footpaths were explained by the NDP group. As these sites also showed up as a landscape 'intrusion' on the SDNPA's recent East Meon Settlement Context Study (landscape) a discussion ensued regarding the need for tree/hedging landscaping to mitigate the impact of the 'intrusion'. The teams agreed that WYG could submit alternative options in the next week, for further consideration.

Site B15

Caroline Scott (resident) has previously submitted a letter (circulated to NDP groups) outlining her reasons as to why site 15 should be included in the NDP.

Referencing Caroline's points, the members explained/discussed both the process and the criteria required for sites to be either selected or rejected, as had been the case for site 15. As two members of the leadership group were absent (although they had received CS's letter) they undertook to also seek their opinions before responding to C.S. *

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Further group discussion on NDP final components

Meeting ended at 9.45pm.

*Addendum to meeting ; w/c 30/10 - subsequently all members saw no reason to change the original decision not to include site B15 in the NDP. (C.S. advised by email)