

# LITTLE BIRCH and ACONBURY

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – STEERING GROUP

### Notes

for

Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 at 7pm

Present: John Jones, Margaret Scrivens, Mike Leigh, Andrew Mayden, Elaine Godding, Alison Clarke, Chris Atkinson, Roger Derham, Susan Jones, Sophie Glover (Clerk).

Meeting started at 7.03pm

1	<b>Apologies</b> Richard Riddell, Cathy Saddler	<b>Actions</b>
	<b>Introductions</b>	
2	<p><b>Discussion about questionnaire for LB &amp; A NDP</b></p> <p>The Chair recapped on the reason for the meeting. Introducing the questionnaire from Hope under Dinmore (HuD). AM mentioned the poor response rate of the HuD questionnaire, he hoped that LB&amp;A would achieve better. RD asked if the results of the questionnaire would be made public, and the chair assured him that it would.</p> <p>Chair explained that all settlements had to allocate 14% growth.</p> <p>RD questioned whether or not there was a housing need in Little Birch or Aconbury.</p> <p>The clerk told the meeting of the base acceptance before starting a NDP that we have to adhere to the Core Strategy, and that sets a 14% growth for all areas.</p> <p>ML reminded the group that Dr N had informed a previous meeting that there were some areas who had said that they could not sustain a 14% growth.</p> <p>In regard to not letting building happen in front of existing properties, MS: told the meeting that no one had the right to a view, the chair agreed, but said that we would all rather keep our views if it were possible. ML said that these were preferences rather than laws.</p> <p>Chair led the meeting through the questionnaire page by page.</p> <p>Throughout, remove the word 'Village' and replace with 'Parishes'.</p> <p>Proposed ML seconded AM. All in favour.</p> <p>Qu 1, there was a discussion about what was an 'executive home', suggestion that it became a 'family home'. Proposed AM Seconded EG. Supported by all.</p> <p>Qu 2: Fine</p> <p>Qu 3: Fine</p> <p>Qu 4: Add 'and if so why and where'</p> <p>Qu 5: Add 'and if so why and where'</p> <p>Qu 6: Replace 'please tell us below' with 'this is your chance to tell us'</p> <p>Proposed ML seconded AM all in favour.</p> <p>Page 5: The title would read the 'Parish Boundaries for Little Birch and Aconbury Parishes.'</p>	

<p>Qu 7: There was a discussion as to whether or not a village boundary was relevant to Little Birch or Aconbury. Perhaps we use the idea of adding to 'Clusters' of housing. Do we need question 7 or 8 at all? Perhaps we remove the whole of page 5. SJ Proposed MS Seconded all in favour.</p> <p>Qu 9: Didn't like there being 5 options, (voted 7 to 1) can we make it 4, by taking away 'slightly important' (6 votes) proposed ML seconded AM. Replace headings with numbers 1-4 'Where 1 is no need for improvement, 4 is very important'. AM proposed, seconded by EG</p> <p>Qu 10: Fine</p> <p>Qu 11: Fine</p> <p>Qu 12: Fine</p> <p>Qu 13: Add 'where' after 'why'.</p> <p>Qu 14: Fine</p> <p>Qu 15: Fine</p> <p>Qu 16: Change the headings to 1-4 where 1 is not important and 4 is very important. Proposed SJ seconded AC. Remove the third box all together, ending in eg orchards.</p> <p>Qu 17: Add eg Cider Orchards, Higgins Well, the Holy Thorn, the Parish Field, Aconbury Fort. (Should we also include protecting agricultural land?)</p> <p>Qu 18: Could we add a Yes/No option for the answers. All in favour.</p> <p>Qu 19: Fine but add 'this is your opportunity to tell us your comments on conserving and improving the local environment....'</p> <p>Qu 20: Change the boxes 1-4 where 1 is needs improvement and 4 is excellent.</p> <p>Instead of Queenswood, put the Castle Inn</p> <p>Add Aconbury and Athlestone woods</p> <p>St Mary's Church</p> <p>Qu 21: Get rid of this</p> <p>Qu 22: Loose the first bit to 'please' Do you think that leisure and recreational facilities are needed and Please tell.....?</p> <p>Qu 23: Fine</p> <p>Qu 24: Fine</p> <p>Qu 25: Fine</p> <p>Back page: Do we want to put names forward with contact numbers: Thought that we'd just have a dotted line and the dropper off can add their own details.</p> <p>Finally, we'd like to add:-</p> <p>'Thank you for helping us put our NDP together by completing this questionnaire. A completed questionnaire, returned to us, will act like a raffle ticket and you will have a chance to win a fabulous prize.'</p> <p>Suggestion that we circulate a map of the parishes when we do the questionnaire. Also ensure that the map is on our web site, and we put our web address on the questionnaire to direct people to it.</p> <p>Questions to add to the questionnaire:</p> <p>-What personal experience of housing need do you have? (perhaps incorporate this in with qu 6)</p>	<p>Dr N to advise us on this one.</p> <p>Dr N to advise</p> <p>Dr N to advise.</p>
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	-Alter qu 5 to incorporate things like not blocking peoples views, or spoiling their enjoyment etc.	
3	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b> Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August at 7pm	

Meeting closed at 8.55pm