

**MINUTES OF THE SWANLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING  
GROUP MEETING ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020.**

**Present:** Robert Brickell (Chair) (RB), Alan Dean (AD), Chris Prestedge (CP), Roger Ford (RF) John Roche (JR), Chrissy Hudson (CH), Cllr. Paul Darrington (PD), Cllr. Glynnis Darrington (GD)

**1. Apologies:**

Dr. Elizabeth Lunt (EL), Lorraine Hart (Planning Consultant) (LH)

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**3. Minutes of Meeting held September 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019:**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising:**

Masterplan for Broom Hill

A meeting has not yet been arranged regarding the Broom Hill Masterplan. PD and GD will chase this with Steve Nash, STC's CEO.

Profile of Swanley Evidence Document

JR stated that he was still working on pulling together the separate Profile of Swanley documents and the agreed revisions. He was having difficulty with finding some of the source references. RB stated that LH had said this would be a supplementary evidence base document and not in the main Neighbourhood Plan document. RB pointed out that the SDC LP included a short section on what the district is like now and that we could extract this information from our Profile document.

NP Transport Paper

The proposed one-way system was discussed at length. Steve Nash had reported that the local businesses had been asked about Station Road being opened up previously and that the businesses were against this proposal. CP advised that this proposal had been discussed in depth with the Transport Working Group and that they were unanimously against this proposal. A vote of those members of the steering group present was called and the result was unanimously against the proposal.

Version 2 of the Transport paper had been issued to the steering group by LH which now incorporated suggested policies. RB stated that there were minor tweaks to document

required mainly source references and asked whether members were happy with the document. There seemed to be agreement among those present however, JR stated he had major issues with the document. It was agreed that JR would send his comments to CP for review by the Transport working group and that they would issue the next version of the document.

### Community Health & Education

RB reported that a small group had been formed from the working group to survey all the green open spaces to take photographs and make notes as suggested by LH. The group included John Roche, Christine Peel, Alan Thrussell and Robert Brickell. JR had prepared a template document to record information. RB and JR need to get together to agree the final format and layout of the evidence document.

### **5/6/7. Agenda Items**

Covered under Matters Arising.

### **8. LP Inspectors Letter and SDC reply**

Members of the Steering Group had been circulated with copies of the correspondence. The Inspector was suggesting that SDC should withdraw their Local Plan for not carrying out their duty to liaise fully with adjacent authorities for unmet housing need. SDC had countered this in their reply, stating that they would not voluntarily withdraw their LP. The steering group members present were unanimously in agreement with SDC's reply. RB stated that he had read on SDC's website, during the LP consultations, that SDC had been told by adjacent authorities that they could not help with unmet housing figures. We agreed that this turn of events serves to illustrate how difficult its going to be to get a Neighbourhood plan past the Planning Inspectorate.

### **9. Broom Hill**

Covered under Matters Arising.

### **10. Consultation Event**

The consultation event is dependent on completing more documentation.

### **11. Reports from working Group Leaders**

Transport – Covered under item 4.

Community Health and Education – The next working group meeting will be held 23 January 2020.

Working and Employment – AD has another meeting planned with primary school head teachers to establish their needs. AD would welcome any help in getting Anna Johnson back on board regarding the Orchards Academy. RB stated that Alan could ask her what she would like to add or alter on the short document he had produced. AD had been to a meeting with KCC regarding retro fitting to provide low carbon properties. He said grants for fitting energy efficient products such as solar panels were discussed. AD is currently producing a list of all businesses in Swanley.

Conservation & Heritage – Nothing further to report.

Housing – The next housing group meeting will be held on 28 January 2020. RB stated that he had been going through SDC's Housing Needs document extracting out information particularly relevant to Swanley. He stated that Swanley is part of the North West placement area along with Hextable, Crockenhill/ Well Hill, Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount. There is information specific to the three wards of Swanley but in the main it is under the placement area. RB will forward the information to JR which hopefully will assist in his preparation of the housing document.

## **12. Any Other Business**

PD said he would set up a meeting early in February with SDC's NP coordinator to table the Transport documents we have produced. The feedback we get will, hopefully, enable us to proceed with other documents with more confidence. He asked that CP and RB attend with him.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber.