

1. Present

C Hudson, R Brickell, C Prestedge, R. Ford, G Darrington, P Darrington, J Roche

In attendance: Ryan Hayman (STC) Lorraine Hart (Planning Advisor)

2. Apologies

Bob Wallis, Toni Roast

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September 2021 and Matters Arising

AGREED as a true record. JR asked if CH could circulate a summary of the NPPF which was still outstanding. CH agreed that she had been unable to do that to date but would do so.

5. Results of October 2021 Consultations on the Neighbourhood Plan

LH had circulated an analysis and summary of the results of October consultations. RB expressed disappointment with the volume of responses and the small number of people who still objected to plan policies related to Green Belt, densities and high buildings since they were a compromise based on the previous NP resident questionnaire.

People were concerned that the low responses were the result of apathy in the Swanley population which could part be attributed to the lack of active listening done by Sevenoaks District Council related to the U&I application in the Town Centre, the local plan process and the decision related to White Oaks Leisure Centre.

CH reported that SDC had recently had a peer Review which fed back to them that were not working with local residents and listening to them enough so it was to be hoped that they would improve their practice in this area.

LH shared her concern that this may impact a future ballot on the Plan which would need to be positive if the Plan was to be agreed and applied by Sevenoaks District Council (SDC). She advised that there was still quite a lot of work to be done (amendments to the current plan based on the recent October consultation and discussions with SDC, Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation Statement which could take up to another 9 months).

6. Future work on the Neighbourhood Plan

Swanley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2021 6.00 pm via ZOOM

Some members felt that the cost of the NP process was an issue although others felt that in comparison to some other local examples (which had cost over £100,000) that the work to date had been done cost effectively. RH said that the resources could be made available but that this depended on the Steering group's view of whether they wanted to continue with the process.

SG members felt that they had done a lot of work so far and that it was worth trying to ensure that the NP could be completed so that it would at least ensure that new development coming forward could properly address the issues that had been raised by local people.

It was **AGREED** that LH would meet with SDC Planning officers in January 2022 to discuss the current policies and consultation responses so that their views could be shared with the Group and they could decide how they wanted to proceed.

7. Any Other Business

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

TBC