



**ALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2023 2PM**

In attendance:

Chair Mike Heelis
Leani Haim – Consultant
Neil Homer – Consultant
Cllr John Chubb - ATC
Cllr Annette Eyre – ATC
Adam Harvey – EHDC
Jenny Wood – Principal Policy Planner EHDC
Cllr Graham Hill – EHDC Representative
John Grace – Community Representative
Suzie Burns - Community Representative
Pam Jones - Community Representative
Rob Fowell - Community Representative
Paul Fitzgibbon - Community Representative

Leah Coney – Town Clerk (LC)

1) Scenario Planning

Neil Homer (NH) introduced this dedicated scenario planning session using the slide pack provided to the Steering Group. The resulting scenario planning session notes and action plan will be circulated to the group in advance of the next meeting.

Background (NH)

We know where EHDC is at; they haven't yet reached a point in the local plan where they have an answer for Alton but hopefully this can help them in finding the solution.

Scenario planning is used by businesses that have to think long term in order to make investment decisions. Hasn't really been applied to Town and Country Planning – the issues and options paper from EHDC is similar but a slightly different application. Its not predicting the future but looking from the bottom up how different futures of Alton play out. They are distinctive so we can compare and contrast, understanding the trade-offs (cakeism) and looking at the inter relationship between infrastructure and people.

The aim is to end up with a site allocation process which is both technically robust as well as having community input. The premise is based on traditional spatial planning, undertaking a SWOT analysis using genuine spatial criteria, to construct plausible scenarios that have logic and meaning;

looking at the options for scale of growth and the limited ways in which a settlement can grow. The workshop will therefore evaluate the effect on each option to infrastructure, access to the town centre, open spaces, community facilities etc.. and considering what are the trade-offs?

Today is not about making a choice today but looking at the options.

Workshop session

The scenarios were then presented and debated, full details of which will be contained in the session notes prepared by the consultants.

Meeting concluded at 4.10pm.

Date of next meeting 28th June (exec meeting)