



**ALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2024**

In attendance:

Mike Heelis – Chair (MH)
David Allan – Vice Chair (DA)
John Bound – Community Representative (JB)
Rob Fowell – Community Representative (logged in by Zoom link) (RF)
John Grace – Community Representative (JG)
Peter Holden – Community Representative (PH)
Richard Parratt – Community Representative (RP)
Councillor Suzie Burns – EHDC Representative (SB)
Councillor Graham Hill - ATC Representative (GH)
Pat Harris – Interim Town Clerk (PH)

Leah Coney – O’Neil Homer (Consultants) (LC)

1. **Apologies** – Cllr John Chubb & Councillor Annette Eyre – ex-officio

2. **Actions Arising –**

1. [REDACTED]
2. RF confirmed that he had completed the assessment of amenity land but will go through it with MH & DA before submitting it to LC. **Response: Completed and RF will send to LC & all members of the Steering Group via “We Transfer” due to the size of the file. Feedback welcome**

3. [REDACTED]

3. **Updates since the last meeting**

1. MH shared the communication received from Adam Harvey as requested
2. LC gave feedback on the briefing she delivered to Alton Town Councillors on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan
3. Town Centre Masterplan – reviewed by MH/DA/PH and comments sent to LC to further review.
4. MH briefed District Councillors – was not well received by at least one member and with resistance to South Alton subsequently noted. Six out of 7 Alton District Councillors attended
5. MH has briefed the Alton Society who have advised that they will not at this stage express any view on the potential allocations emerging in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
6. MH will be briefing the Alton Lions next Tuesday on the Neighbourhood Plan. ***(After Meeting Note: This has been postponed to April at start of Reg 14 consultation)***
7. [REDACTED]
8. EHDC Local Plan Reg 18 II – 6-week consultation begins on Monday, 22nd January. Their proposals for housing could represent a 31% increase in the population of Alton

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6. Confirmation of Policies

- 6.1 No further work required at this time. All feedback with LC will be included in Draft to go to Alton Town Council pre-Reg 14 and then a 2nd Draft will go out. LC confirmed that Policies are in general conformity with the Local Plan

7. Update on Public Engagement/Communication

- 7.1 Last communication was Press Release prior to Christmas
- 7.2 JB to produce a structure for comms by end of week for approval and sign off
- 7.3 JB to produce the distribution list for Natalie for disseminating information
- 7.4 MH is to undertake presentation to Alton Lions next week (*After Meeting Note - now postponed*)
- 7.5 [REDACTED]
- 7.6 MH to use LC presentation that was given to Town Councillors
- 7.7 JB to prepare a Press Release – mechanics to be done by next week

- 7.8 Printed Altonian – Reg14 to be planned to hit the door mats the first week of April
- 7.9 Video – RF to provide an edited copy of the video – remove all captions.

8. Next steps in the Project Plan

- 7.1 LC to further update Project Plan (to be circulated with Agenda papers for next meeting on 31st January)

9. Any Other Business

- 8.1 Risk Chart – will not be taken forward
- 8.2 Scenario Planning Report – MH
- 8.3 LC will PDF her presentation (given to Alton Town Council Councillors) and forward to MH
- 8.4 JB to prepare a “narrative” structure for future public engagement/communications
- 8.5 GH to arrange a meeting with HVA for MH to do a presentation to that committee (*After Meeting Note - now postponed*)
- 8.6 JG to prepare data from various vantage points to enable the SG to respond to any objection from the South Downs National Park

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 31st January at 2.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded at 16:48 p.m.