

A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR EGERTON

WORKING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 2.30pm, Hall Committee Room

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence – present: JC (Ch), JCr, EG, RK, IM, CS, LT (Sec), plus Chris Paterson from the South Downs National Park (planning consultant). Apologies from GH, CS**
2. **Declarations of Interest: EG, RK (older peoples' housing)**
3. **The minutes of the previous meeting on 11 July 2019 were approved.**
4. **Draft NP policies**

JC and LT had met Chris Paterson in advance of this meeting to give him an overview of progress and JC had driven him around the parish to give him a better idea of it. CP had a wide ranging set of constructive comments on our policies, which required some re-working. This was mainly due to i) some of the policies duplicating ABC's policies in their 2030 Plan and in the Government's NPPF (CP said that an Examiner would reject them as being superfluous); and ii) that he believed the individual policies as set out under "Protect, "Sustain" and "Develop" needed to be combined to avoid duplication, so that for example an "Environment" policy would cover all 3 aspects of our introductory message about "Protect, Sustain, Develop".

CP added that the key policy ought to be to protect views, which was the number one priority for the village, and secondly something like "preserve Egerton's key characteristics" whilst still being able to develop sensitively to meet a separate policy on Housing. CP went through a series of comments he had made, and said he would send them to JC for further consideration before the event on 21 September. CP emphasised the importance of highlighting the characteristics that were special to Egerton that would complement the 2030 Plan and NPPF. CP was concerned that we had set too tight a timetable to bring out all the points necessary for a major consultation event in a few weeks' time - publicising and seeking comments on draft policies needed more finesse. **Action: JC & LT to revise the draft policies based on CP's written and verbal comments and JC to circulate revised version to whole Group**

5. **Assessment of the proposed sites for development**

CP emphasised the need to bring out bullet points, set out consistently, as to the merits of selecting a preferred site that would pass an objective and justifiable test. It was decided to take this topic further forward at the next meeting before the event on 21 September in order to clarify the system used to assess characteristics of the sites as Green (good), Amber (not entirely good) or Red (poor) and which ones were not applicable - to be marked "N/A". This would be done by exchange of emails with

assessment sheets. **Action: CS, IM, EG to review and submit final conclusions before the next meeting to rest of the Group to comment**

6. **Green spaces**

We were awaiting Amy's (consultant) report on this following her site visit and receipt of EG & LT's assessment of locations. **Action: CP to chase up.**

7. **Event on 21 September**

It was agreed that a meaningful & attractive event on 21 September could proceed, from 10-12 and not all day, and make it clear in publicity that the purpose would be to:

a) gain more buy-in from the public, outline where we have got to, what our draft policies are beginning to look like, what our observations were on a short-list of sites proposed for development, seek views & answer questions;

b) seek volunteers for helping to run a full event, in late November that would be a formal consultation and pre-submission event (to include people who can do refreshments, set up the Hall, provide a rolling DVD/projection of what we are about and support to run an event that demands a lot of preparation. **Action: EG to produce posters and flyers for distribution to all households, budget to cover costs.**

8. **Date of next meetings: Monday 9 September, Wednesday 18 September, 7.30pm, Hall Committee Room. EG to book.**

The meeting closed at 5.55pm