

“Knebworth aims to be a vibrant and inclusive village community, a great place to live that is distinct and separate from its neighbouring communities. A place that aspires to good design and improved environmental performance where everybody has access to green spaces. A community that will accommodate sustainable growth and development in its population, services and infrastructure that embraces our values, has the minimum impact on local nature and wildlife and that ensures Knebworth’s fundamental rural character is maintained.”

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee meeting – 7th August 2019 8:00 pm, Village Hall, Committee Room

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Attendees:

Clint Bull (CB, chair)
Graham Dormer (GD, vice chair)
Jacqueline Veater (JV)
Robert Sprigge (RS) - Minutes

Lorna Allen (LA)
Lisa Nash (LN)
Philip Skinner (PS)

Apologies:

Paul Ward (PW, KPC)
Roy Oostwouder (RO)
Andy Nation (AN)

Penny Berry (PB)
Claire Graham (CG, KPC)

Agenda:

1. Minutes from previous meeting

- Accepted

2. Programme (JV)

- JV is combining the individual documents from each subject group and structuring the resultant document appropriately
- The Plan is primarily being created for the planners and construction companies for their use, official consultees and, of course, the Examiner
- There will be a Summary document for the residents to enable the referendum. The full plan will be available publicly online
- The Action plans are not part of the Neighbourhood Plan, and hence not in the summary either
- We have a large number of references, those with hyperlinks can link to a public Dropbox
- Anything we rely on for evidence must be publicly available, if not already, then we need to make appropriate links, as the Examiner will demand it
- Only photographs directly related to Policies should be in the plan
- ‘View photos’ must demonstrate views that we want to keep undeveloped, as we value the view

What else needs to be done

- JV will continue to merge the documents
- A map showing the parish boundaries needs to contrast the parish against those areas surrounding the parish – Action CG

- A number of 'view photos', e.g. some views of the roads entering the village showing the tree lines, may be reallocated to other sections, e.g. Wildlife corridors
- A map showing the location of photo takers for 'View' photos is required – Action LA
- Photo sizes need to be standardised, probably to 2 or 3 landscape sizes
- People's faces and car number plates need to be blurred or pixelated
- The Schedule will need to be revised to accommodate PC meeting dates and the situation regarding the NHDC Local plan

Note that LN had to leave the meeting prior to item 3.

3. NHDC Local Plan Inspector's Letter (JV)

- The inspector requires more hearings following changes to the Local plan, although not all changes have yet been formally reviewed by the Inspector
- What are the implications for us?
 - The number of new dwellings required in North Herts may change, increased or decreased, with a consequential impact on Knebworth
 - The NP will need to be as closely aligned with the NHDC Local plan as is practical
 - It is possible that at, some point in the future, we may need to go back to a stage in our process
 - Meanwhile we will continue to the 'Pre-submission' stage

4. HCC Locality Budget scheme (RS)

- Action plans arising from KNP should make suitable candidates for the Parish County councillor's budget for local benefit

5. UK Climate 2018 report (RS)

- A couple of sentences should be included in the Introduction to demonstrate our understanding of the need to act as a result of Climate change – Action RS

6. A.O.B

- Travel and Transport survey – update on position of Locality required, i.e. will they fund a survey? – Action CG
- Transport for New Homes checklist for encouraging non-car travel can provide input to KNP – Action CB and GD
 - It was clarified that KNP should encourage travel by other than private car, but not impose restrictions

7. Date of next meeting

- Thursday 5th September, subject to room availability

The meeting closed at 9:45