

Notes on Mursley Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Meeting held on 17th August

Introduction

The SG meeting was convened in order to consider the various comments received from the community as part of the Reg 14 consultation in order to assess whether anything in those comments warranted making changes to the Draft Plan as currently published.

Cate Hogg, PC Chairman, attended the meeting at Alans request. She chaired the meeting. Cate saw this as an opportunity for her, as a relative newcomer to the Village and the PC, to get up to speed on what has happened before.

Alex also attended the meeting in order to expand where necessary on the Consultation process to date as summarised by him in the summarising paper that he had sent to all SG members last week. This was considered necessary as several of the comments received claimed that there had been insufficient consultation, notifications, updates etc. As that was the only item of direct interest to Alex the meeting commenced with a review of the Consultation process.

Key conclusions reached were as follows:-

- 1) It was agreed that the entire process had been undertaken in accordance with guidance from consultants, and that all elements had been advertised at all stages sufficiently widely in order to pass the independent assessors requirements in that regard. Alex noted that on the last day before the deadline for comments to be made there were over 1100 hits on the web site, indicating quite wide interest.

- 2) Despite the web activity only 27 formal comments had been submitted.
- 3) Cate suggested that, in hindsight, even more frequent postings on facebook and other social media may have resulted in more people actively engaging in the process at an earlier stage.
- 4) It was agreed that, whatever the outcome of our current review and whatever the final version of the Plan submitted for Reg 16 approval might be, the PC would need to engage proactively and frequently with the community as a whole from now and up until the time of referendum to ensure that those in agreement with the Plan actually vote in the referendum because it is to be expected that those that have been very vocal in their opposition at Reg 14 stage will again become very active in trying to persuade their supporters to vote against when it comes to the referendum.

At this point Alex left the meeting with thanks from the SG for taking the time to attend. He confirmed that he will continue to maintain the Web Site until the end

General

The meeting continued with general discussion on the various comments that had been received from the community with the following conclusions reached as follows:-

- 1) It was agreed that the SG needed to consider every comment received in detail.
- 2) It was agreed that where similar comments, concerns or questions had been raised by more than 1 person that the SG should recommend that the PC should prepare a note that identifies, addresses, and answers all such issues in detail with that note to be placed on the Web Site, social media, Open Gates and the Parish Notice Board.

- 3) It was agreed that the SG should recommend that the PC should provide a personal response to everyone who took the time to provide a comment. If the comment received included queries unique to that respondent, then such queries should be answered in the response and/or, if the comments related to common subjects (as 3 above) then the respondent should be directed to that note for answers.
- 4) Frequent comments concerns raised in multiple responses that have already been identified from this meeting include the following:- (Most of these relate to the sites selected and disagreement as to the suitability or necessity for same).
Ridge and Furrow, Access to Cooks Lane and the proposed site, Traffic volumes and safety, The need or desirability for new green spaces,
This list is not exhaustive and will be expanded as necessary in the full minutes of the 2 meetings that will follow the next SG meeting on Tuesday 17th which will detail the SG's views and recommendations to the PC for each and all of the comments received