

NP UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2018

The July 2018 parish council meeting agreed with continuing with the NP based on the current designated area. Once finally approved/'made' the parish council will apply for a revised designated NP area based on the current parish boundaries. This has been agreed in principle with Harpsden, Henley neighbourhood plan teams and SODC. Shiplake's plan will have to be 're-made'.

The draft Shiplake pre-consultation draft was approved by the parish council at the beginning of August and submitted to SODC for their review.

Peter Boros, Chairman of the NP Steering Group, resigned on 27/07/2018 following a significant difference of viewpoint on the content of the final draft of the pre-consultation draft. The Steering Group met on 08/08/2018 to discuss the implications of Peter's resignation. The SG were very sorry to hear of the resignation and expressed their enormous appreciation of his knowledge, guidance and very significant contribution to the development of the NP, without which we would not have a plan to submit. David Pheasant and Dr Susan Mann agreed to become Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the SG.

Whilst awaiting SODC's appraisal of the draft plan, the SG has transitioned the NP evidence base onto the parish council's Dropbox domain as part of a longer term plan and also to create a 'database of evidence' relevant to the consultation phase. The system management of the Dropbox will be managed by OXIT in the same manner as the parish website. An annual cost of £100 will be incurred.

The AECOM SEA report has not been 'signed-off' pending the agreement of the draft plan document with SODC. Similarly, the AECOM 'health check' consultancy exercise for the finalisation of the draft document and the underlying process is on hold until we have agreement with SODC on the draft.

Tudor Taylor, Susan Mann and David Pheasant met with SODC's NP team on 04/09/2018 to discuss the NP draft plan. Specific questions on site selection – the process - have been responded to by Susan Mann on 06/09/2018. Other points of drafting and presentation regarding planning policies, to be reviewed. Given the recent Henley Standard article re Henley also claiming credit for Thames Farm housing units as well as potentially those at Wyvale and Mt Ida, it has been confirmed that the SODC NP team's view is that the units should be most appropriately allocated to the settlement of Lower Shiplake.

The delays to the progress of the draft consultation document have subsequently led to delays in the envisaged July issue of Shiplake News, a key feature of which was to be the NP consultation exercise. A September/October issue is now being collated.

The costs to date of the NP project are well within budget and NP CIL payments will result in a net positive impact on parish council funds.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE - OCTOBER 2018

1. **Draft Pre-consultation Document:** Following reported meeting with SODC on 04/09/2018, Susan Mann has provided responses to SODC's specific requests. Although some changes will be advised re the text of some of our proposed additional planning guidelines, these are not viewed as being contentious **but** important in the context that the govt inspector will be seeking SODC's formal approval of such at an early stage in his/her examination of the document. On approval of these guidelines by the examiner the NP begins to 'carry weight'. **ACTION POINT:** David Pheasant, Susan Mann (and possibly Tudor Taylor) to meet with SODC 02/10/2018 with the objective of agreeing final changes to the pre-submission draft document.
2. **Discussion on Potential Timescale for Pre-consultation Phase & Dependencies:** Specific dates depend on the outcome of SODC meeting on 02/10/2018 and the ability to provide an agreed pre-submission draft in a timely manner. In creating a draft project plan for the pre-submission process, it has been assumed that the SG will have a 'clean copy' of the document, time to test and verify all electronic links and have procedures in place **for start of the pre-submission consultation on 22nd October and finishing on 3rd December (6 weeks)**. The SG will use the requirement list provided by SODC as the basis of and checklist for the plan. Assuming the above, it was agreed that 2 'pop up' sessions be planned, one at the Baskerville on 10th and another on the Plowden on 17th November 2018, starting at 11am thro' to 5pm. Any slippages and the start of the consultation process will be adjusted accordingly. **ACTION POINTS:** SM and DP to provide agreed draft document in a timescale to meet the proposed project plan consultation dates.
3. **NP Evidence Base, GDPA and Privacy/Confidentiality & Project Plan:** Meeting of SG sub-group planned for wb 30/09/2018 to agree requirements for the above for the Pre-submission process. Next regular meeting of the SG scheduled for 17/10/2018 to review all aspects of the process. Other meetings arranged as required to progress and monitor this phase of the NP.
4. If agreed draft plan changes do not impact current SEA, approve it as final version for submission with Pre-consultation document.
5. Once pre-consultation draft agreed initiate AECOM 'health check'.

David Pheasant – 28/09/2018