

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE - MARCH 2019

Key points:

1. Re-designation of NP Area application consistent with current parish boundaries, public consultation underway and SODC approval anticipated by 23/02/2019; 2. AECOM site assessment project draft report expected by 28/02/2019; 3. A review required of Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) consistent with updated NPPF Guidelines & Policies; 4. Revised Project Plan

The NP Steering Group (SG) Meeting on 20/02/2019 discussed all the above and focused on the key tasks and timelines, as specified in the revised project plan, to make it possible to initiate the 6 – week ‘Pre-Consultation’ Phase by 31st May 2019. At this stage residents and all specified statutory bodies will have access to the draft ‘Shiplake Neighbourhood Plan’ and relevant evidence base for its proposals. Comments will be invited as specified at the time.

2. Overview of revised NP Project Plan & Agreed Actions & Responsibilities to ensure Key Tasks & Milestones are achieved:

The revised plan takes account of the unexpected requirement for a consultant (AECOM) led site assessment project, SODC’s revisions to our proposed planning policies incorporating 2018 NPPF changes, corresponding changes to the LCA and the re-designation of the Shiplake NP area. Also, provision for a supplementary small survey via the parish website, following the recent proposed changes to the SODC Local Plan policies re ‘Smaller Villages’ and the attribution of Thames Farm housing numbers to Henley. The attribution changes were contrary to prior recommendations by SODC, which were embodied in the previously proposed final draft of the NP (July 2018).

Caveat: The changes to our proposed NP are considerable. The project plan assumes no delays resulting from further changes of direction on the part of SODC, is dependent on 3rd party contributions being delivered ‘on time’ and no unforeseen other intervention resulting in further significant delays to the delivery of the plan beyond the control of the SG. On this basis, and with the considerable commitment of time on the part of SG members, **the project plan provides for the important ‘pre-consultation’ phase to begin on 31 May 2019 and finish on 15th July 2019. More specifics of the plan and action points are provided below. It is proposed to present and discuss the plan’s proposals at the Shiplake Parish APM on the 2nd May 2019.**

3.1 Site Assessments (AECOM): Initial partial draft received from AECOM on 20/02/2019. Discussed at meeting and feedback provided by WS to AECOM in preparation for projected receipt of draft recommendations and proposals by end of February. Requirement for an update on Shiplake Motors site. **Target: Finalise Strategies & Site Outcomes by 30/04/2019**

3.2 SEA: AECOM consultants to update draft SEA based on site assessment outcomes and other directions provided by SG & PC, resulting from the supplementary survey and any other relevant matters. **Target: Finalise 31/03/2019**

3.3 Landscape Assessment: Consultant considering relevant changes in context of new NPPF and recent SODC Local Plan changes. **Target: Finalise 31/03/2019**

3.4 Revised Policies: A critical element of the NP with review of and subsequent recommendations received from SODC Neighbourhood Planning Team (NPT). Our proposals are in process of being updated by SM with support from councillor Fred Mouradas. **Target: Finalise 17/03/2019**

3.5 Survey 2: Supplementary survey discussed based on the advice of SODC's NPT. Draft proposed text during w.b. 24/02/2019 to be agreed and targeted to be available on parish website w.b. 04/03/2019 with 2-week response period; responses categorised by postcode.

Target: Survey Responses received by 17/03/2019

3.6 Re-write of Draft Plan: DP main author with assistance from several SG and consultant contributors. **Target: Mid-April 2019**

3.7 Pre-Consultation Requirements inc. website GDPA requirements: Details to be advised following meeting with website team. **Target: Finalise 27/05/2019**

3.8 Proof Reading Draft Plan: All SG to proof read + parish councillors. **Target: April 2019**

3.9 AECOM Health Check: To be conducted in parallel with Pre-Consultation phase. **Target: complete by mid-July 2019**

4. Budget 2019/2020: £7,500 + Locality (approx. 50 days of tech assistance).

David Pheasant – Chair, Steering Group (24/02/2019)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – APRIL 2019

Re-designation of NP Area application consistent with current parish boundaries: Public Consultation period completed during which SG provided a 'Redesignation Statement' supporting the change. Confirmation of outcome expected mid-April.

Supplementary Survey completed in March: Details of outcome published on parish council website on 31/03/2019 complete with comments received. In summary, response numbers were 165 (LS 136 & SX 29) reflecting the demographic distribution of housing and resident numbers in the two settlements.

Q1 Outcome: Overall residents were 51% agreeing with and 44% disagreeing with continuing with the sites previously selected for development. (5% No View). LS was on 54% (agreeing) and 42% (disagreeing), whereas SX was 45% (agreeing) and 52% disagreeing.

Q2 Outcome: With regard to a general policy of only selecting sites within the built-up area of the villages, overall 80% were in agreement and 8% disagreeing. (8% No View). There was essentially unanimity of agreement across the villages in this respect.

The SG meeting on 20/03/2019 reviewed the outcomes of the survey, including taking account of comments regarding the potential impact of the Thames Farm and Wyvale developments, and voted unanimously to recommend that only sites within built up areas of the villages be proposed for development within the neighbourhood plan. For more details see the results posted on the website.

Landscape Character Assessment: Awaiting quotation for 'minor' changes to existing document reflecting re-designation of boundary and changing nomenclature related to NPPF changes and preferred practice.

Revised Policies: Work in progress.

Site Assessments: The draft report from AECOM was discussed at the SG meeting on 20/03/2019 and unanimously viewed as not reflecting local considerations sufficiently. Further discussions are taking place to progress the study in an appropriate manner. A consequence of the above is the resulting inevitable delay to the neighbourhood plan project and particularly the 'Pre-Consultation' phase. The SG is reviewing possible options to enable the plan to progress faster- to be discussed at the council meeting.

Pre-Consultation Requirements inc. website GDPR requirements: Details to be advised following meeting with website team.

Budget 2019/2020: £7,500 + Locality (approx. 50 days of tech assistance).

David Pheasant – Chair, Steering Group (01/04/2019)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – MAY 2019

Re-designation of NP Area application consistent with current parish boundaries: SODC confirm it has been approved.

Change in Approach to NP: Based on considerable research and analysis of options and discussions with parish council, as referenced at April's parish council meeting, it was agreed Councillor Mann would initiate a process for selection of a consultant to produce a neighbourhood plan based on a 'Constraints & Policies' approach. Details of the approach, outcome and proposed costs are provided separately in attached documents.

NP Update at APM Presentation on 09/05/2019: A comprehensive presentation given summarising the development of the NP from beginning to current day inclusive of change of approach. Link to presentation on the Shiplake Villages website via: <http://www.shiplakevillages.com/page-content/documents/SPC%20APM%20Presentation%209%20May%202019%20Final.pdf>

Status of Existing Content to be confirmed : **1. Rescreening for SEA requirement initiated.** Current AECOM assessment now superseded but may have information material for revised approach, which we have permission to use: **2. Existing Landscape Assessment** with minor changes is required for revised approach.

Pre-Consultation Requirements inc. website GDPR requirements: Details to be agreed with appointed consultant.

Timescales for delivery of documentation for 'Pre-Consultation' agreement: 3-4 months

Budget 2019/2020: £7,500 + £9,000 expected grant c/o Locality

David Pheasant – Chair, Steering Group (13/05/2019)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – JUNE 2019

1. The designated area for the Shiplake Neighbourhood Plan has now been approved to incorporate the entire parish of Shiplake.

2. Bluestone Planning (as the appointed consultants) and the working party (David Pheasant, Susan Mann, Fred Maroudes, Joanne Stone, and Chris Penrose -sent apologies) have had the inception meeting on 16 May where the project plan was discussed and formulated. Work has been proceeding more or less to plan. The target is to go to pre-submission consultation in September or October following a consultation with the residents on the pre-submission draft document in July.
3. The grant application to Locality has been completed and submitted with addition requests for technical assistance regarding village character assessment and design code which would be separate to the grant.
4. The SEA screening document has been submitted.
5. The Village Character Design and assessment site work has been completed and further evidence supporting this is being gathered to support continuity of Village Character. Included in this is enhanced information on Historic sites and sites important to the Village Character.
6. Supporting evidence and Policies are in the process of being revised to support the design and constraints plan and removing references to site selection. All previous consultations, surveys, etc will be documented in the consultation document which is completed following the pre-submission consultation period. Additional evidence supporting the policies is coming from not only official sources but from resident groups in the villages, as the school, the church, and the history group.
7. There will be a brief consultation with the residents in the next few weeks confirming their agreement NOT to have site selection. This will be conducted along the lines of the small consultation a few weeks ago with voting mainly via the website but also hard copies available to residents who do not have access to or use the website. This will form part of the consultation document.

For those with the concerns regarding any changes to the Local Plan significantly effecting the Shiplake Villages Neighbourhood Plan, we have been advised by the new SODC Cabinet and our SODC NP advisor to continue as we are. By not doing site selection, any changes to allocations will have minimal effects on the plan.

Dr Susan Mann – Vice Chair, Steering Group 10/06/2019