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### MINUTES

#### Lambourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on Tuesday 9th July 2024 in the JCE Boardroom at 2.00pm

**Apologies:** Peter Penfold

**Present:** Sue Cocker; Bridget Jones; Bruce Laurie; Will Riggall; Howard Woollaston; Erin Scarsbrook

**14: MINUTES OF MEETING on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024** were agreed and signed. It was agreed to leave decisions about allocation of land adjacent to LAM2 to the review of the LNDP.

**15: TO REVIEW: Supporting Text for Policies :** The Chair thanked ES for her work on the supporting text for the LNDP policies. Policies should take a positive approach. Any considered over-restrictive may be rejected by WBC or the Inspector.

**Policy L19 - Community Infrastructure.** The Policy needs further refining, but the SG were happy with the content so far. ES suggested adding references to the withdrawal of Citizens Advice, substance abuse and mental health (particularly in relation to the racing community) which were agreed. BL raised the need for a large public hall. The Plan should include measures to encourage the development of appropriate infrastructure and set aspirations.

**Policy L18 – Accessibility, Road Safety and Sustainable Transport.** Several issues were raised which, whilst addressed in the Policy, it was decided should be explored further in the Plan (either in the policy, the supporting text or under aspirations):

The inclusion of a *definition* or indication of what is meant by “*sustainable*”, especially in relation to public transport.

The *bus services* as they exist do not meet the reasonable needs of the population. Public consultations had shown that the infrequency of bus services and the lack of public transport, especially later into the evening, impacted young people in particular, who were trapped in the village after 6pm. Up to date timetables could be quoted.

*Parking issues and traffic congestion*, particularly in the centre of Lambourn. Examples of how other Parishes deal with this were noted (traffic calming; weight restrictions)

Some of the solutions suggested may clash with the Local Plan /NPPF, but if the LNDP contains evidence-based justifications for their inclusion, in the context of the local situation, the Inspector may allow them. ES to consult with Sharon and Panos.

*Footpaths and pavements:* The lack of pavements/safe routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, and the maintenance of those existing, impacts several parts of the Parish. Connectivity throughout the Woodlands, between Lambourn and Eastbury and between Lambourn and Upper Lambourn (and beyond) were all raised during consultations. The Plan will also note Connectivity as an aspiration.

**Policy L7 – Biodiversity:** Evidence for biodiversity needed. SC to send ES the TVERC assessment and more detailed wildlife corridor map.; BJ suggested asking Rosie Kindersley for species lists compiled for Sheepdrove. The key factors in the parish landscape are the chalk downland and the river. The biodiversity of the river is also addressed in **Policy L6 – River Lambourn**. Whilst not all the species listed in the river are present in its winterbourne section, the health of the upper Lambourn affects the whole river.

**Policy L9 – Flooding and Drainage:** HW asked that sewage issues be specifically addressed. The SG has stated that LNDP development proposals are subject to long-term solutions to the flooding, sewerage and Nutrient Neutrality problems. Whilst the mitigation of Nutrient Neutrality may be in hand, there seems to be no viable solution to the ingress of groundwater into sewers. The sensitivity of the River Lambourn to all nutrient pollution both nitrates and phosphates) to be included. **(both Policy L9 and L6)** Flooding maps to be checked by SG members.

**Policy L3 – Green and Blue Infrastructure:** SC to send ES list of recreation spaces.

**Policy L8 – Dark Night Skies:** BJ to update ES on LPC’s street lighting programme so it can be included in the supporting text. Intelligent lighting to be addressed in the Design Code.

**Policy L12 – Sustainable Construction Methods** ES suggested encouraging examples/demonstrations of projects would be useful. SC to contact Pat Glover.

**L10 – Heritage:** More information needed to support this Policy. SC to send ES the Archaeology Officer’s report, the list of NDHAs and of Listed/Scheduled sites.

**L15 - Community Facilities:** SC to send ES details by 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**L17 – Racehorse Training Industry:** “Fragmentation” to be clarified in supporting text. The phrase “near the gallops” in 6.10.1 to be reworded, to avoid confusion about where development can take place. WR and BJ to look at the Design Code for RTI.

**Policy L4 – Local Green Spaces:** Labelled photographs of LGS sites needed for Policy. SC to organise.

**Policy l6 – Important views:** Labelled photographs needed. SC to organise.

ES offered to reformat the results of the Residents’ Survey in the “house style”. SC to send details.

- 16: TO AGREE: Next steps for LNDP:** ES to update Draft Pre Submission to incorporate changes agreed at this meeting next week. Information requested to be forwarded to ES. SB will complete the Design Code when she returns from

leave (22 July). Further input to be done via email prior to next meeting.  
Membury details to be sent to BJ. We aim to have the Pre Submission document ready to prepare the Regulation 14 Consultation at the next meeting.

**17: TO APPROVE:** Invoice-1527 from Bluestone Planning, for £1647.00  
Proposed HW, seconded BJ and unanimously approved.

**18: ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** Pre Submission document

**19: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm, JCE**

Meeting closed at 4pm