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MINUTES

Lambourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on Thursday 6th February 2025 in the JCE Boardroom at 2.30pm

Attendees: Sue Cocker; Bridget Jones; Will Riggall; Howard Woollaston; Sharon de Bru (via Teams)

Apologies: Helen Noll; Mike Billinge-Jones; Peter Penfold; Erin Scarsbrook.

- 57: MINUTES OF MEETING** on 20th January 2025 were agreed, signed and actions confirmed/updated:
There has been no further response from AECOM re: the SEA and HRA. SC will chase up again.
There has been no response from Rebecca Davies at NWD National Landscape.

- 58: Progress on the Submission version** was reviewed. SB reported that the Plan had been reduced from 154 to 120 pages, by summarising some sections and moving details to Appendices. She anticipated the finished version would be under 100 pages and will be more readable.
It was agreed that all maps, with the exception of the map of the NDP area, and many of the photos, would be reduced to thumbnail size in the online copy, with each thumbnail being a link to the full-size, high resolution A3 version. For the hard copy version, all maps would appear in a separate images section at the end of the Plan.
Actioned items had been included in the document and updates were being entered as they arrived.
SB asked if we knew any more about the schedule for WBC's LPR. SC to check with Laila Bassett, but it was thought the Inspector's Report was due in May. If changes were made which impacted the LNDP, these could be anticipated in an Appendix.
Sections of the Plan were reviewed:
A precis of "Delivering the Plan" will now form a short summary at the beginning of the document, with the full version available in an Appendix. Similarly, the sections on the Parish Profile, Vision and Objectives and Historical Development have been summarised. Historical Development includes a timeline linked to the original. (SC will check this.)
The details of accidents and constrained junctions in the Supporting Text for

Policy L18 (Accessibility, Road Safety and Sustainable Transport) have been moved to an Appendix.

The recommendations of the Landscape Character Appraisal have been included in the Plan, with a link to the full document.

The supporting text for Local Green Spaces will include an overview map, but detailed maps and photographs will be displayed as thumbnails with clickable links. Important Views will be displayed in the same way.

The Contents pages will have links to each Policy.

SC updated progress on the sections worked on by SG members:

Policy L17 The Racehorse Training Industry (RTI):

The two flowcharts, and references to them have been removed.

The reference to “modern barns” in the first paragraph in *Facilities* in the Supporting Text should read “American barns” (*SC- Add this to Glossary?*)

A list showing the features a modern training yard could be expected to provide has been added under *Facilities*, and includes a definition of “hacking distance”. WR will provide a map to show the accessibility of the public gallops in terms of distance.

SB suggested adding various racing terms to the Glossary, giving more details. This is particularly important when explaining the purpose of a racing “tie”. A tie is imposed as a planning condition and the question “Does this Planning Permission only work if there is a tie?” should be asked. Proposals to vary or remove tie conditions must consider if the condition was justified, reasonable and enforceable at the time it was imposed. WR, BJ and SC to add to Glossary. Replacing the flowcharts, the Supporting Text quotes the Necessity Test from the emerging Local Plan, Policy DM37, and augments it, in order to improve understanding of the RTI. Whilst this approach does involve some duplication of the Local Plan, it reinforces the special circumstances of the RTI in the Parish of Lambourn. SC to make clear what is addition and what is from DM37.

To avoid confusion, add to “In addition to the racehorse facilities, supporting cluster industries associated with racing are of high importance.”

SB to check the references to other policies, particularly L19, to update.

Examples of alternative/innovative waste management, such as PYREG’s bio-char and Pruex’s use of beneficial microbes to dry animal waste and reduce ammonia emissions to be included in an Appendix.

Nutrient Neutrality to be included with link to relevant Policy in LNDP.

Details of WBC’s biodiversity offset policy are not yet known so it is not possible at the moment to say if a scheme for the gallops is possible.

6th point in Policy: the SG wishes to leave this point in the policy and retain the original wording.

Groundwater, flooding etc.

To be completed. When finished, the changes could be inserted into the body of the Plan or form an Appendix. SB offered to put us in touch with another NDP with similar issues. It was noted that Thames Water’s latest work on the sewer system appears to be working.

NDHA. Policy L10.

It was agreed to focus on those structures which were NOT in a Conservation Area. Those non-designated buildings in a CA which were felt to make a valuable contribution are to be noted. The wall in 3 Post Lane is bisected by the boundary of the Lambourn Conservation Area and is in a poor state, due to difficulties establishing ownership. Description to include this. HN to be asked

for additional information about the Blue House on Station Road.

Community Facilities:

This is now complete, apart from an entry for Lynch Wood. PP to be asked to do this. The information about each facility will go into an Appendix.

It was decided that the next meeting should be postponed until 20th February. All work outstanding to be completed in time for SB to compile the draft Submission document for 14th February. This will then be circulated to the SG for proof reading and comment.

59: ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Review of Draft Submission Version

60: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Thursday 20th February, 2.30pm.** JCE

Meeting closed at 3.55pm