

Neighbourhood Plan - Steering Group Meeting Wednesday 17th July 2024 @ 1000hrs

Attendees:

Angela Johnson

Wendy Vickers

Maureen Davis

Pat Amos

Ann Best

Gareth Martin - FDC

Main discussion was based around the NHP policies in V8 of the plan. Sally has discarded two policies H2 Development and C2 Local Green Spaces, after lengthy discussion and input from Gareth it was decided to reword.

It was still felt that there was a need to highlight flooding issues within the village and the impact on it from large developments - Angela to contact LLFA to ascertain why they objected to the planning application in the field behind 2a Bridge Lane (application refused because of flooding concerns) and to question the 'wet fields' off of Blue Lane. This could help evidence why a policy regarding development and flooding could be included.

C2 Local Green Spaces - again the decision was to create a PRow list and highlight the open views/spaces that are valued by the local community, this will then incorporate a policy that states these open views/spaces need to be protected at all costs. Comments to be made referencing the over development to date that has begun to shut off open views/spaces to the local residents and visitors to the village. The open views from areas like Stonea Camp and the Burrows also need to be protected. PRow connectivity needs to be highlighted, development of pathways purposely constructed to connect with PRow need to be registered with the PRow Definitive Maps. By creating these aims the NHP should be able to incorporate a policy to ensure they open views are protected.

So the Open Spaces and Green Spaces lists, created by the Steering Group and established from responses from the community, now needs to be reassessed, adjusted to include 'open views' from PRow and rewritten into two separate lists.

The Fens Reservoir was also discussed, it is now at consultation Stage 2, because it is nearing the penultimate decision on what should be included in the final plan. As one of the closest villages to the reservoir there is a need to ensure that the community gain reasonable access to the facilities on offer. Connection to already available PRow, resurfacing of areas to enable cycling, walking and horse riding, creating Bridleways that connect to numerous equestrian centres local to the reservoir - at least three here in Wimblington plus a number of stables horses within the neighbourhood area.

It was suggested that we communicate with Doddington and produce a similar policy referring to the Fens Reservoir. Although completion is 10 plus years down the line design of the final plan is not!

The NHP is in the final stages of Stage 2 of FDC's Statement of Community Involvement which means that we are at the pre-submission consultation. This

involves a greater input from FDC on advice, direction and input. Initially the above amendments to the NHP have to be completed and a final draft sent through to FDC for their input, once they assessed the NHP and inform us of any relevant changes, details or amendments a six week consultation period commences (it is hoped that this will be mid to late September 2024). It is then that all relevant organisations/ authorities have to be informed (Gareth to forward list to Angela), public consultation begins (Pat to check availability in mid/late September 2024 for village hall) hard copies of the NHP (produced by FDC - 20) are to be distributed and made available in a number of locations around the village (list to be put on the leaflet) online publication both on the Parish Council website (Pat to ask Chris if this can be linked through to the social media Facebook page) and FDC's website (a hard copy to be available at FDC's offices).

Leaflets and feedback forms to be designed and distributed to inform residents of the final drafted NHP document, the consultation date and other means of reading the plan. An overview of the policies to be compiled. Residents encouraged to respond and give views as to whether the NHP meets the basic conditions. Feedback forms to be made available on the Parish Council website and linked through the social media Facebook site. (Pat to ask Chris if this is possible if not then Parish webpage designers to be approached - Parish Council to cover the costs)

Wendy to check when Survey Monkey expires, if the Steering Group think it is necessary to pay another year's subscription then Parish Council will be asked to help with costs. Once feedback is compiled then adjustments and amendments made and NHP V9 sent to Sally.

So summary of meeting:

Compile new lists - Green Spaces and PRow with valued Open Views

Compile community value of the proposed Fens Reservoir

Compile new Policies - PRow and Open Views

Fen Reservoir

Amendments to NHP V8 - forward to Sally - mid August at the latest

Amended NHP - forwarded to Gareth - end of August at the latest

Six week consultation to start mid to late September 2024

Next meeting to be arranged for mid August 2024, please let me know if any dates are not convenient.

Cheers

Angela