

STEBBING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

BRIEF NOTES OF MEETING 31 JULY 2018 1930 AT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

1. **Apologies:** from the Clerk, who was indisposed. Brief Notes/aide memoire only will be produced for this Meeting given his absence. No member of the Public was in attendance on this occasion.
2. **Call for sites:** the piece in last edition of Stebbing Scene including a call for sites had produced a number of responses. A resident had suggested to a member of the SG that the deadline for response was too short and had the NPSG criteria circulated by the Clerk to all recent interested parties reflected the piece in SS as to proximity to village. Advised that the date was the same as the response date to UDC Reg 19 and that the piece had indeed referred to proximity to village.
3. **Locality:** additional funding/technical assistance. Fran Morgan will be consulted as to submission of the form, given her experience in dealing with funding previously. We will seek additional funding as we shall be including additional sites/design in our draft plan, who is a prerequisite to funding. AM will be following matters up with Locality/FM.
4. **Independent Consultant for Housing Allocation Sites/technical support:** this will be available through Locality (once the funding is applied for and necessary forms completed). AECOM are their nominated advisers but as they have a conflict of interest (WOB/NEC), we have advised that others would be required. AM reported that AECOM would be asked by Locality to cast an eye over our request for support first, they would prepare eg a scope of work, including the known criteria (sustainability) and then it would go to other consultants to advise us. We would include in our letter of instruction background, supplying the draft policies, vision, objectives and constraints, together of course with the specialist reports from The Landscape Partnership and Grover Lewis. We to prepare a "traffic lights" description of the sites as per good practice/Locality methodologies.
5. **UDC Reg 19 Representations:** given importance of landscape, green wedge and historic environment issues to the Residents, it was considered that the SG in its own right should submit representations to UDC before the deadline of 13 August on such matters and also in light of NEC Inspector's recent comments to NEC LA. Agreed to circulate a draft and submit it to UDC. We also would ask in the representations for rights to appear before the Inspector at the Hearing, to be decided by SG as required, closer to the time. Comment made that green wedge in other areas (Smith's Green) had not been as successful in practice as optimally they might have been.
6. **Rachel Hogger:** we to update the draft Policy (textual clarifications) and invite her to a meeting thereafter.
7. **Archaeology:** we shall be in contact with Chris Going again.