

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Thursday 26th January 2017 at 2pm

Cricklade Town Council Chambers

Notes

Cllr Mark Clarke <i>Chairman</i> (MC)	Cllr John Coole (JC)	Duncan May <i>CTC Deputy Town Clerk</i> (DTC)	Cllr Bob Jones (BJ)
Neil Dixon (ND)	Tim Russell (TR)	Cllr Ruth Szybiak (RS)	

1) Apologies for absence.

Lesley Cowley & Cllr Hodgson

2) MC – explained the meeting was to NOTE WC's response to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and CONSIDER the NPWG's comments and amend the Draft Plan if necessary.

Policy	NPWG comments on WC's comments
Vision and Objectives	OK – WC 's Comments noted
Para 4.1.2	The WG commented that WC was implying perceived need to go overcome the NP. There is no need to go above the indicative figure.
H1 Settlement Boundary	The WG AGREED that the comments need 'beefing up' in this section. Members noted that WC are not aware that the map in the Settlement Boundary map will be changed to included developments that have outline planning permission.
H2 Visual Separation of Settlements	WC asking for more evidence of the 'essential character in the town'. Members AGREED to make the comments more substantial in this section. Refer to North Wiltshire Landscape Character Assessment.
H3 Design of New Housing	This section has been amended a lot in past meetings, but has left specific important points in. Members were minded to stick to this section as it is, look at reinforcing points that are in the Core Strategy
H4 Local Connection	Check Wiltshire Housing List for the Cricklade area, evidence is needed of Cricklade's housing need. The NP's local connection is for market properties as well as affordable housing.
H5 Affordable Housing	The NPWG needs to amend the plan to concur with

	Government guidelines which states that ‘ no affordable housing contributions are required for a development with 10 developments or fewer’ . Change NP to ‘Net gain of more than 10 dwellings’ . Take starter homes out of the NP policy H5 end policy with shared ownership.
H6 Local Connection and Strong Communities	WC comment that it is unclear how this policy would be implemented. Previous housing developments in Cricklade have adopted this one month to local people scheme at Stockham Close and Byre Close. WC state it is unlikely developers would agree to this scheme, evidence is some will as previously been adopted successfully. Members AGREED to keep this policy in for now.
H7 Housing for the Elderly	This policy has now been changed to Housing for the Elderly and Disabled
H8 Nursing Home Provision	Members AGREED to delete the word ‘unobtrusively’ from this policy. Also that this is an exception to policy H1
H9 Residential car parking	Amend first bullet point to mention car parking at the sides of properties.
H10 Foul Water Management	Confusion over who maintains the flood prevention measures on new developments. Developers have said this is Thames Water, WC say surface water is the responsibility of WC and the Environment Agency.
H11 Flood Risk	As H10
TT1 Traffic	The NP policy is about the commercial aspects of developments not usual lorry movements such as refuse trucks. The policies aim is to stop the increase of HGVs when there is a development. Members AGREED to put in Industrial/commercial into this policy.
TT2 Traffic Calming	This needs to be a proper policy . Change title to Road Safety, this policy deals with road safety in agreed developments , support will be given to road safety schemes.
TT3 Off-road routes in Cricklade	Members AGREED to delete ‘pedestrian experience’ . WC suggest including existing gaps in the existing network members identified; Church Walk, Pittsfield, Gas Lane and Purton Road as suitable routes to be included. Also the zebra crossing at West Mill Lane and West Mill Lane to the leisure centre. Reference NPPF paragraph 28, Core Policy 34 , 43 and 48 in our supporting statement.
B1 Primary Shopping Area	The NP Policy gives little flexibility. This policy is designed to prevent shops in the Primary Shopping Area being turned into residential dwellings. The NP does not support any changes to this. Action MC – to contact HT about this.
B3 Town Centre Car Parking	WC comments that free car parking brings about increased traffic in the town. The free parking policy is because Cricklade

	is a service centre and free parking encourages economic growth. The WG does not see there is a conflict in this as WC suggest. AGREED this policy is important to the town.
B4 Police Station	This Policy is to maintain the Police Station as a retail area at least in the ground floor retaining the frontage for retail. Members AGREED to delete ' A significant part of the development should be commercial in nature'
B6 Chelworth Commercial Area	This policy is to 'prevent encroachment into the countryside' There is plenty of land inside the Commercial Area the NP is promoting this. In the part B6 change of use put in 'prohibit residential'
LAF 1 Public Open Space	Noted
LAF 2 Allotments	This policy needs to be changed to more than 10 dwellings as policy H5. It is correct that CIL does not apply as a right to social housing. It is also correct that there is not much available land for allotments in Cricklade. Action MC – discuss with LB
LAF 4 Local Green Space	WC's comments are not relevant in the case of Hallsfield as CTC own this piece of land. Policy might now be obsolete, but, leave in to add substance and local viewpoint.
LAF 8 Community Facilities	The owner of the Asset of Community value affects the use. Registration gives 6 months protection, irrespective of what our NP says. Reference fig 18 with the list.

Items discussed were that the WG asks WC's Conservation Officer that he produces a management plan.

Look at other Parishes policies from WC e.g Malmesbury

Await final response from LB Planning about questions raised by WC's response.

Future meeting to be arranged via a doodle to maximise attendance at the meeting.

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