

Oving Neighbourhood Plan

Note of a virtual meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on March 19, 2021

Present

Katie Akerman
Colin Buchanan
Dominic Akers-Douglas
Rod Hague
John Pitts
Stephen Quigley (chairman)
Clive Sayer

Also attended

Jonathan Dowty Oneill Homer

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Simon Oakley

2. Workshop led by Oneill Homer

(Slides and report to follow)

Notes on presentation

Use of task teams to prepare evidence base for policies.

Terms of reference needed to cover communications between SG and parish council. OPC to sign off plan pre-submission and submission.

Information management. Keep information on website, also technical documentation. Document management is important. Can use website for the purpose. Possible use of the cloud to store information so other parish councillors can see the information and consultants can review.

We define the time frame. Depends on resources to do the project work. (SQ: Also depends on the scope of the project)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Can get done with help from Locality's

Technical Support. The process needs managing. OH could manage on our behalf.

Consultees: Natural England, English Heritage, Environment Agency. Ask CDC to screen for need for SEA. This can take five weeks. Will also need Habitats Assessment for site allocation.

Total Locality grant available for site allocations, design coding etc. Not for support if needed at the examination stage.

Technical Support package can be tapped into for site assessment reports, SEA, Masterplan design, habitat assessment.

O'Neill Homer does technical work, defines scope, prepares NP documents, drafts policies, consultation, technical aspects, how the plan might need modifying, use of photos. OH has its own NP structure. Produce date line of events as appendix to consultation statement.

OH will not comment to outside bodies on any aspect of the ONP except with our approval. OH can attend SG meetings but doesn't as a rule. Can attend to review progress and resolve challenges.

OH doesn't do community engagement.

Need to work with LPA on status of local plan including its timings. Need to be in sync. Must also be in conformity with LPA key policies in 2015 plan. Policy 2, Tier 4 for villages in the countryside with poor facilities. We don't have a settlement boundary nor expect to have one. Directed development where there are no facilities. Countryside policies apply.

Can have design policies for Conservation Areas. Can protect key views and other heritage groupings.

OH are specialists in spatial planning. Biodiversity net gain.

What is the capacity of AL3? Beware of its being over developed. What about a garden village? LPA Policy 7 Master plan. Do we have a policy for landowners? Physical characteristics of Chichester landscape. Chichester Strategic Wildlife Corridor. Green infrastructure network. Circular walk including rights of way.

Comments on V&O:

- Adjust housing mix and type to our needs. Include community led housing, community land trust. Design codes for management of infill in Oving village.

- Wildlife corridor, gap policy, landscape appraisal
- Community venue to be upgraded. Concept of community hub. Supermarket takes food to hub in a container. Hub can have its own health facility for visiting medic/nursing staff. CCGs are difficult to work with.

Non strategic projects.

Passive housing. Design out for zero carbon, energy efficiency. Better to design out from the start than retrofit a few years later. OH has suite of policies on climate change.

Member interests

CS: agriculture, wildlife boundaries, Chichester gap

DAD: biodiversity, rural area protection, places where people want to live

RH: climate change, energy efficiency, protecting land

SQ: infrastructure esp community hub

3. Date of next meeting: April 9, 2021