

Marden Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 19.30 in the Community Centre

Notes of the Meeting

Present: David Bennett (Chairman), Robin Brook, Sandra Gladwyn, Arthur Fraser, John Roberts and Bill Wright.

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk; Claire Parker from Kirkwells; 2 members of public.

1. **Apologies –** Michael Parkes.
2. **Final responses to representations and how/what can be incorporated into redrafted Plan –**
Responses on behalf of PC as circulated. Document needs Kirkwells to respond to particular points. Claire will put Kirkwells response in and send through for circulation. Claire will amend Consultation Statement to incorporate changes, ready for further consultation responses to be ported in following 2nd Reg 14 consultation. Noted that no requirement to publish current Reg 14 Responses document as will be amalgamated into final Consultation Statement. Alison to put update about this on website.
3. **Changes from modifications to Core Strategy –**
Likely to be end of July before know for sure if modifications will be kept in the currently proposed form. Issues of numbers, allocations, settlement boundaries (SBs), reassessment of sites that were submitted and current applications discussed. Decided that members or the SG should go away and consider a way forward relating to the issue of numbers and sites ready for the next meeting. Agreed that need to control sites for development rather than numbers.
4. **Reassessment of sites and amended criteria –**
Assessment is desk-based assessment following site visit. Considered suggested SBs on bigger maps. Changed Burmarsh to include southern group of Burmarsh Cottages. Litmarsh and The Vault as suggested. Claire put criteria in policies for infill of 1-3 houses. Agreed to have drive-round to check SBs and then consider again at next meeting.
Update: Following drive-round, Alison to check with Claire whether if a SB does not include width of road, does this mean area on far side of road is not adjacent
5. **Next steps –**
Agreed to recommend to PC that write to HC Head of Planning, Head of Neighbourhood Planning, copied to Leader and Ward Councillor requesting HC recognise the validity of the emerging Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan and take account of its policies and requirements when deciding on planning applications currently in progress or submitted before the Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan is made.
Update: PC agreed email should be sent
6. **Open forum –**
No points raised.
7. **Date of next meeting –** Wednesday 27 May at 7.30 pm.

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