

Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan

Notes of Steering Group Meeting

Held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 7.30 pm at Broomfield Village Hall

Present: John Blake, Angela Thomson, Sue Hubble, Peter Marriage, David Howell

615. Apologies for absence: Karen Hurrell, Duncan Coles

616. Declarations of Interest: None

617. To approve Notes of the meeting held on 4 February 2020 - Approved

618. Matters Arising and Comments from Parish Council/Planning Committee –

No comments

619. Finance Report

No change

Evidence Base

620. Updates (if any) on:

a) AECOM Design Code Work

JB advised that all the revisions to the document had now been sent to AECOM and he is awaiting a telephone call about the next stage.

621. AECOM Site Allocations Exercise and Recommendations

IP (Places4People) will be requested to summarise the decisions taken at the last meeting to ensure that justifications are robust. Once agreed, this can be put on the website, hopefully before our next meeting. A meeting is to take place on 4 March with representatives of Roselawn, Cliffords and Campion Farm to discuss how better use can be made of the southern part of the Green Wedge, for instance how public access can be achieved.

622. Policy Writing

The committee discussed and listed items which they would like IP to write a policy on if applicable:

a) Countryside

1. Strategic gap between Broomfield and the Chelmsford settlement areas.
2. Protecting the Pleshey Plateau – views, tranquillity, historic buildings and footpath networks.
3. Protection of trees, hedges, banks and woods.
4. Do not build on critical drainage areas (CDA).
5. In new developments, retain original footpaths and enhance as natural features. Do not replace with/re-route to pavements.
6. Define and protect “valued landscapes” within green wedges. Encourage leisure/recreation use in GWs
7. Robust tree belts to be placed around new developments. A tree for each resident or a percentage of the development area (include fruit trees)
8. Front gardens should be provided – how to prevent them from being concreted over for parking.
9. Skylines should be protected. In particular, do not spoil views – link to views document.

10. Protect high quality Grade 1 and 2 farmland.

b) Community Aspirations

- 1 GP Surgery/health facilities
- 2 Cycleways
- 3 Reducing traffic
- 4 Establish conservation areas around Angel Green (inc. Broomfield Place) and Parsonage Green
- 5 Support and encourage village organisations
- 6 Create new woodlands and manage existing ones
- 7 Plan to make Broomfield carbon neutral (e.g. grants for insulation and solar panels to meet needs for older properties; provision of charging points); in addition to policies for new buildings.

c) Planning Policies

- 1 Protecting existing local business and employment premises e.g. shops, pubs
- 2 Establish village greens in new developments
- 3 Increase requirements for sustainable, carbon neutral buildings

To be continued

Community Aspirations

623. Infrastructure

Doctors' Surgery – A short discussion took place about the best way forward.

Cycleways – JB/PM reported on the meeting with Essex Highways on 5th February. A Feasibility Study will be carried out on the B1008 between Patching Hall Lane and the Hospital.

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624. The potential new “road” into the hospital was discussed. Still no satisfactory solutions. If it goes ahead as currently planned with barriers, traffic will be backed up. BPC is continuing to make representations to avoid this - also for planned changes to the Hospital Approach/Main Road roundabout to be re-assessed, to make Main Road less attractive to through traffic. Bloor needs to be contacted again. Also the tree belt along the western and northern boundary of the site isn't wide enough to conform with NP Landscape Appraisal recommendations or Local Plan

Communications

625. Communications – A new NP page on the BPC website has been set up. SH commented that she is not happy with it. Although all the large documents are easy to access, she cannot see the minutes from her laptop but can access years 2018, 2019 and 2020 notes from her mobile phone. Other members of the Group will see if they can access all notes of meetings.

626. Any other Business – Cycle paths/transport and sustainable items such as trees were discussed. Linking hospital to Medi-care centre.

627. Items for Next Agenda - Policy Writing

628. Meeting close: The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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Chairman

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Date