

Aug. 2, 2018 – Meeting with PDC

Attendees:

Steve Boyt (PDC)

Wendy Meaden (District Councillor)

Peter Webb (District Councillor)

Ralph Watts (LMPC)

Martyn Colvey (LMPC)

Alf Bush (LMPC)

Neighbourhood Plan:

Steve Boyt suggested that minor amendments could be made to the NP and submitted for examination without the need for consultation and referendum. Action:

- Review NP examiner's comments and determine what 'minor' amendment could be submitted to strengthen the controls over future development.

Open Spaces:

Ralph had produced an assessment of the various existing green spaces. Steve Boyt had noted the various spaces and included them on a map of the village. He will investigate to see if this protection can be included in the next revision of the local plan.

Car Parking:

Alf had submitted car parking statistics which highlighted issues in Cecil Place and Fosters Spring. While acknowledging the results, PDC were unclear how they could be used because of the default policies generally applied to development plans but would refer the issue to DCC Highways. Action:

- LMPC to investigate highway and parking studies that are can be closely linked to both existing and proposed developments in LM.

Housing Mix:

PDC explained that the local plan will include policies on housing mix to ensure a general spread of housing type.

Infrastructure Improvements:

The January 2018 Infrastructure Delivery Plan included references to various shortfalls in LM – cycleway, buses, school capacity, surgery capacity, Wessex Water capacity. Steve Boyt advised this was being updated for the revised local plan.

Development Sites in LM

Alf presented a map showing the PC's preferred areas of development outside of the settlement boundary. This map highlighted the west and north-west areas of the village as preferred. It also highlighted all other areas as not-preferred due to their narrowing the gap to the conurbation which is one of the principles of the green belt.

Recreation Ground Car Park Zoning

Initiated a discussion on whether the Recreation Ground car park could be used for other uses. The advice was that it would be a normal planning application, but since the PC owned the land, there were no other constraining considerations.