

Notes of a Meeting with M Neal (Planning Officer, SDC)

In attendance: M Sanderson (MS); David Roache (DR)

Date: 4th August 2016 11-12 noon

Purpose: To gain an understanding of the Site Allocation Process

Detail

1. We provided an update on the reformed Neighbourhood Plan (NP) team including the meeting we had with S Brooke-Taylor on the Housing Needs Survey, based on his recommendation.
2. M Neal provided an updated A3 sized map showing the sites from the two calls made for sites by SDC including individual maps. He also provided details on the sub-regional suitability criteria for the SHLA assessment. In addition he provided example documents from the Kineton plan which converted the assessment criteria into Red, Amber, Green scores which became part of the evidence behind Site Allocations in their plan. M Neal also said that he had provided guidance to Cllr Risk over a long period on the process, including more documents than he had copied for our visit.
Action: DR to contact Cllr Risk and identify the other documents that could contribute to the Site Allocations process.
3. The Site Allocations Plan for LSV's including Tysoe is delayed because of the delay in the approval of the Core Strategy. This will include a definition of the boundary of the LSVs, which have not brought forward a NP.
4. We walked through the process of consulting about the Site Allocations. This can be summarised as placing a notification on the PC website, in the Record and on the Notice Boards. The process should be time boxed to a minimum of 6 weeks but ideally 8 weeks would be seen as. We should use the SDC Call for Sites form and maintain a Register of Sites, as part of an evidence base which would then support the NP review cycle.

AoB

1. MN reported that Long Compton's plan was now made and that Kineton's referendum would be held on 1st September.
2. We asked a question about the development mix in relation to the needs of an aged population. He said we should follow up with J Gordon (who works closely with S Brooke-Taylor) and he provided contact details.
3. MN volunteered that believes SDC has already achieved its 2031 target for its spatial strategy of dispersal of developments to LSVs. This means that if we produce the evidence from our Site Allocation work that results in less dwellings than the target of 55 and rules out sites on the basis of AoNB, Flood Zone 3 etc. criteria then this will not be rejected by SDC.

MSS/DR