

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Thursday 4 August, 3.00pm-3.40pm
Venue	Zoom Meeting
Attendees	Alison Crampin, Jo Stickland, Marjorie Clasper & Ewan Larcombe
Secretary	Alison Crampin
Guests	Garry Thornton, principal planning policy officer RBWM

Agenda Item		Action
1.	Apologies for absence and announcements David Buckley and Fiona Cryle sent apologies.	
2.	The Plan GT confirmed that the DNP seems to meet the requirements to proceed with the Reg 16 Consultation. At this stage he is not checking the basic conditions, just that the relevant paperwork has been supplied.	
3	<p>Publicity Pam who worked with Vicky Gibson to publicise the DDG on the RBWM website and set up the online response forms, etc, has retired. RBWM have appointed a company called Objective to do what she used to do. GT has had one meeting with them and will be having another. He will let us have details afterwards.</p> <p>As usual, people will be able to send in representations online, via email or in writing. AC asked for those details so we can put them in our article in <i>The Link</i> and on our social media, website, etc.</p> <p>RBWM need to put together their publicity programme for the Reg 16 Consultation. GT will keep us posted.</p> <p>We suggested that they advertise in The Link. AC to send the editor's details to GT and to let the editor know. For RBWM's purposes, it makes more sense since the target audience is more focused so it's more cost effective.</p> <p>GT will also be speaking to David Wiles who runs the RBWM residents' newsletter email. (David told AC he would help with Reg 16 publicity.)</p> <p>GT said it's OK for DNPSG to put together a press release if we would like. GT will also speak to David Wiles about a press release from the Borough.</p> <p>RBWM have mailing lists - emails and addresses. AC to forward our list of respondents to Reg 14 who asked to be kept informed of DNP progress.</p>	<p>GT</p> <p>GT</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p>

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	RBWM will put hard copies in Maidenhead Library and Datchet Library. We suggested they also put copies in DPC offices and The Bridge for consistency with Reg 14 Consultation. AC to forward contact information.	AC
4	<p>The examiner</p> <p>RBWM will pay for the examiner. GT is considering a couple of companies and will present details to us. The choice will also depend on the examiner's availability. AC explained that DNPSG would want to run details of the examiners by our independent advisor, Chris Bowden, before making a choice. GT is hoping to submit relevant paperwork to the examiner by 21 October.</p> <p>AC asked GT how long the examination might take. GT thought possibly a month. The examiner also has the option to call a public hearing to clarify certain points although this was thought unlikely.</p>	GT
5.	<p>Next steps</p> <p>GT said he would update DNPSG on Monday and keep us posted on his progress throughout the week before he goes on holiday.</p> <p>AC to update DPC before their August meeting.</p>	GT AC
6	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC asked who looks after planning in D,H&W now that Vicky Gibson has left. GT thought it was Jo Richards. • AC asked if Inland Homes were in touch with RBWM, as they had been with Vicky Gibson. GT didn't know. If they are, he thought they would be in touch with Jo Richards. • MC asked, when RBWM does any publicity about housing allocations, AL39, etc, that they make it clear that the application still has to go through all the planning procedures, that it's not rubber-stamped just because it's in the BLP. GT agreed this was a very good point. • Thinking about timing, AC asked about 'weight'. How much weight does DNP have as an 'emerging' NP. GT said that the weight increases as the plan progresses. It's only full weight after the referendum, but once it's been through the consultations, it does carry some weight. • MC said it would be good to get the referendum done before Christmas as everything seems to grind to a halt then. <p><i>(Info researched after the meeting: the examiner's modifications, when/if agreed, have to be approved by RBWM cabinet. There also has to be at least 25 days' notice of the referendum. If the examiner doesn't get the documents until 21 October and takes a month, getting the referendum done before Christmas seems unlikely.</i></p> <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2012/9780111525050/contents)</p>	
9.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Next monthly Steering Group Meeting – as required. TBC.</p> <p>GT is on holiday 12-22 August. Chris Bowden returns on 15 August.</p>	