

Hanslope Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review

Notes from the Steering Group meeting on 26 April 2023 at 19:00
held on Zoom

Members attending:

Eileen Price	Leani (ONEill Homer)
Dorothy Courtman	Matthew (ONEill Homer)
Alison Andrew	Ebba (ONEill Homer)
Jackie Cass	
John Watson	

Apologies:

Paul Everington
Andrew Geary

Notes:

Phil Ayles from Castlethorpe Parish Council joined the meeting for the first half hour to share his experience of reviewing their Neighbourhood Plan and to answer any questions we might have. He started by asking why we had decided to review the current Hanslope NP when he knew what a lot of work was involved. Leani answered on behalf of the Steering Group to say that we wanted to ensure that the plan still complied with §14 of the NPPF and the parish was protected even if MK could not maintain a five-year housing land supply. PA did not think §14 would still be engaged if the modified plan did not go to a referendum. Leani assured him that Matt had contacted MKC detailing the scope of the modifications and had had a response earlier in the day from MKC confirming that the modified plan would meet the §14 criteria. PA briefly talked about the problems encountered by Castlethorpe PC identifying new public open spaces and Article 4 directions (Article 4 directions are used to control works that could threaten the character of an area of acknowledged importance and can increase the protection of designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings) relating to currently non-designated heritage assets and the conservation area in Castlethorpe. A short discussion followed on the current position of MKC wanting to expand housing delivery to around 3000 a year (almost double the current amount) and a new call for land for development. Leani reminded us that there are consultations on changes to the NPPF and review periods for neighbourhood plans extended from 2 to 5 years. Phil left the meeting at this point.

The team looked at the Action Plan policy modification list decided on at the last meeting:

HAN 2 Contact the landowners of sites A & B to determine the current deliverability situation. Matt has prepared a draft letter for the SG to send to these landowners and it was agreed that Eileen would ask Gill (parish council clerk) to prepare and send.
Eileen confirmed Gill had written to MKC about site B and had a reply from Jon Palmer, head of planning, in which he said no planning applications had been received for the site but it is still designated for residential development but has not been included in MK's 5-year housing land supply allocation.

There has been no reply from the landowner of site A.

- HAN3 & 4 Review latest MKC Landscape Character Assessment 2022 to identify and map additional key views (see also new policy HAN 10). Matt sent an extract of the Landscape Character Assessment that is relevant to Hanslope and Eileen asked the PC clerk to obtain two printed copies of the full assessment for the SG to look at and prepare a short report for agreement. Eileen and Jackie have received the printed copies and have planned to work together on the draft report. John will visit sites where there could be key views, photograph them and share these at the next meeting
- HAN6 Ebba will provide the SG with minor wording changes to clarify the existing policy for the team to validate.
- HAN8 Need to look at possible further green space designation. Ebba has supplied a template (Ivers Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Spaces report) for assessing whether a particular space can be designated. JC will draft a couple of proposals for designation using the template for the group to consider.
- HAN10 A new policy to recognise the landscape gap between Hanslope village and Long Street and plan to prevent merging of the two settlements. The SG will review MK Landscape Character Assessment for relevance to this new policy.

Community consultation:

We considered various ways to consult the community following on from the Village Survey and decided that an open meeting held in the Community Hall was one way forward as we could display/exhibit what we have done/propose; hear residents views and answer questions. There are currently two dates planned: Monday 22 May @ 18:30 and Saturday 27 May @ 16:00. Alison and John have prepared a leaflet to deliver to each home to encourage participation and Alison had hoped that these could be agreed and printed then delivered next week however it is unlikely that all this can be done in time but Alison will send a copy to all SG members today (26 April) and ask for immediate response.

Leani will draft an introduction to use at the community consultation.

The community consultation will be advertised at the coronation celebrations on the big screen. There will be an exhibition of residents' photographs and other relevant materials e.g. large boards displaying pages from the made plan, organised by John and Alison as well as the advert on the big screen.

Leani would like to present a draft modification statement to the full Parish Council so will need any SG reports before the PC meeting in July.

Next meetings

SG	Week commencing 8 May TBA
Whole team	Thursday 29 June @ 19:00 by Zoom