

GREAT EASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

RECORD OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH JAN 2015 AT 6.30 IN THE V HALL

1. **PRESENT.** 15 members attended.
2. **APOLOGIES.** Stephen Upton and Raj Uppal
3. **INTRODUCTION.** P L (Chairman) welcomed all to the meeting, including the 4 members attending for the first time. He stressed that this is the first meeting when the detailed work will commence and his wish for members to be involved in specific work as the process develops.
4. **BACKGROUND AND AGENDA.** GK, our NP Consultant from Yourlocale, explained the full agenda, with the briefing documents forwarded to all via the Dropbox. He discussed the Neighbourhood Planning process, the important Great Easton Draft Settlement Profile, produced by HDC and the Towards a Vision for Great Easton document.
5. **HOUSING.** There was a general discussion on the varying number of new houses potentially in the pipeline for Great Easton. There was recognition that there will be development but that the NP process provides the opportunity for an evidence based plan to be jointly agreed with HDC and, once ratified in accordance with the statutory examination process and supported by a local referendum of all residents, will provide an important agreed basis for future development.
GK and PL both emphasised the importance of not becoming “hung up” about figures at this stage. GK advised that the usual formula, when applied to Great Easton, would produce 71 new homes over the next 15 years, which would include the 24 houses built since 2011. It was agreed to use this figure for the initial planning, pending further discussion with HDC. **Action. ALL**
6. **OUR VISION.** It was agreed that an agreed Vision Statement was an important initial part of the NP process. Andy Murdock agreed to coordinate and prepare an initial draft vision statement for the next meeting. **Responses were requested to AM or the Dropbox by 28 January.** **Action. AM/ ALL**
7. **QUESTIONNAIRE AND LOCAL CONSULTATION** The importance of full consultation and involvement of the local community throughout the process was agreed, noting the high expectations after the successful Open Event. It was agreed to produce an initial questionnaire for all residents, noting that this is a difficult exercise to be concise and user-friendly. Ian Drummond helpfully agreed to lead a small group to work up a draft document, for discussion at the next meeting. **Action. ID**
8. **HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT.** Midlands Rural Housing (MRH) had written to advise that HDC had asked them to conduct a “housing needs survey” for Great Easton, along with 12 other selected villages. It was agreed to cooperate with this work as it will be complementary to our NP, noting that it will be primarily conducted through a questionnaire. This will therefore need careful coordination with our own questionnaire. **Action. DG**
9. **CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS.** DG thanked all for their prompt response
- 10 **MEETINGS – TIMINGS.** It was agreed that meeting frequency might initially be fortnightly, recognising that not all will attend every meeting. It was also agreed that the large majority could attend daytime meetings, which would assist scheduling
11. **NEXT MEETING Wednesday 4th February at 1(to 3pm) in the V Hall**