

SSJ Neighbourhood Plan
Bimonthly Report to SSJ Parish Council
May 2015 – presented at the SSJPC AGM 5th May 2015

1. General

The Evidence Base is largely completed.

The year-long Wildlife Map Study is in progress.

The Consultation & Questionnaire Feedback Event was held on 14th March; ~ 120 residents attended. The 'Call for Sites' ballot and Key Policy forum was then extended via the N Plan website until 17th April. The voting results are attached.

The Steering Committee met on 30th April and resolved to pursue Bob's Farm as the preferred development site. Aubrey Place (currently for sale) will be kept under review.

The Steering Committee has started to formulate the framework for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The 20th April Meeting with BDBC (Emma Clarke) revealed that there may be significant procedural hoops still to jump through (EU and NPPF compliance, Strategic Environmental Appraisal, Sustainability Appraisal)

2. Steering Group

1. There is no change to the Steering Group – but, as always, additional members and support is appreciated.
2. A further three meetings have been held including the Feedback Event and the meeting with Sherfield on Lodden N Plan (sixteen in total) – the latest on 30th April.
3. Further meetings will be monthly but have dates not yet been fixed.

3. Evidence Base

1. The Neighbourhood Plan Base Summary has been loaded onto the website.
2. The Wildlife Map Study continues – led by Mike Harrison started on 01.01 15.
3. The Evidence Base Toolkit still has some minor gaps.

4. Questionnaire Feedback / Workshop 28th January

1. Response by household was ~ 50%. This is very good.
2. Elder residents dominated the responses. An attempt to generate further response from the younger members of the community was unsuccessful.
3. The results were reviewed at the Workshop held on the 28th January:
 - i. In terms of housing, they showed good correlation with the Housing Needs Survey. In summary, a limited, mixed (ie part social, part market) housing need was identified.
 - ii. Hopes for the future were centred on SSJ remaining a sustainable, independent community in the future.
 - iii. Concerns were dominated by fears of a loss of identity and rural setting (due to coalescence with Basingstoke). The potential loss of the Post Office / Shop also featured heavily.

The format for the Consultation and Feedback Event was agreed.

5. Housing Needs Survey

1. No further action outside the N Plan Questionnaire has been taken.

6. Consultation and (Questionnaire) Feedback Event – 14th March

1. 120 residents attended the Event – which represents a good turnout. Feedback was (almost universally) very strongly positive.
2. The exhibited documents comprised:
 - i. Summary of Questionnaire results - 'Consultation Event 14.03.15 Presentation'

- ii. the Neighbourhood Plan Draft Report (March 2015 R4)
 - iii. the Call for Sites (08.03.15 R6). This contained the short-list of possible sites; we believe that we need to provide 10-15 houses - which agrees with the Questionnaire response.
 - iv. Map ('Appendix B - Short-Listed Sites') showing the short-listed Possible Development Sites
 - v. Developers outline proposals
 - vi. Wildlife Map Plan Information
 - vii. Housing Needs Survey
3. Attendees were invited to:
- i. Comment on Draft Key Policies
 - 1. No.1 Provision of New Housing
 - 2. No.2 Ensure Sherborne St John remains a viable rural Community with its own distinct identity. Avoid coalescence with Basingstoke
 - 3. No.3 Protect and Enhance Green Spaces and Local Habitats – Wildlife Map
 - 4. No.4 Retention of Village Shop
 - 5. No.5 Infrastructure – Traffic flows, noise and light pollution, sustainability of water supplies and sewerage services.
 - ii. Vote for preferred potential development sites

The short list was:

- 1. 1. Cranesfield (2 sites, 2 options)
- 2. 2. Bob's Farm
- 3. 3. Aldermaston Rd (opposite Gales Garage)
- 4. 4. Hillside
- 5. 5. Kiln Rd (Late proposal from HCC for Affordable (Social) Housing only.
- 6. (6 Aubrey Place – currently for sale)

Voting was strongly in favour of Bob's Farm (38% of total votes and 61% of first choice votes (NB. some ballots ranked all sites in order of preference, others just voted for a first preference or sometimes a first and second).

The Steering Group took both the Questionnaire and Ballot results into consideration in reaching its decision - to pursue Bob's Farm as the preferred development site. Aubrey Place (currently for sale) will be kept under review.

7. Programme/ Progress

- 1. A 4 week's slippage to the programme was reported in March. The plan is 4 months behind the May 2014 Timeline; the Referendum is expected to be held in April 2016.

8. Budget

- 1. Costs during the period: £712
- 2. Total Costs to date: £8238 (£4657 for consultants, £1080 Administrator & general admin £2503)
- 3. Further funding is being pursued.

9. Website

It's all on the website ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html

J Crawley
Chairman

SSJ Neighbourhood Plan - Consultation Event 14.03.15**Call for Sites - Ballot Results**

Option	Total		Ist Choice	
	Votes	%	No.	%
Site 2 Bob's Farm	622	38%	79	61%
Site 3 Aldermaston Rd	359	22%	26	20%
Site 4 Hilltop	198	12%	4	3%
Site 5 HCC Kiln Rd	166	10%	8	6%
Site 6 Aubrey Place	158	10%	1	1%
Site 1 Cranesfield	151	9%	11	9%

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