



## Steering Group Minutes

Wool, Bovington and East Burton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group  
held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023, at 7:00pm via Zoom

Present: Andrew Wilson, Robin Thorn, Lee Searles, Steve Smith, Kim Major, Chris Yarnold

1. Welcome.

2. Attendance and apologies.

**No apologies**

3. Minutes accuracy and actions.

**The minutes were approved**

4. Declaration of interest for items on this agenda.

**None**

5. Discuss draft Housing Needs Assessment (Appendix A) and agree any actions.

**The draft HNA was approved, and Steve will pass on thanks to Aecom.**

**Policies were agreed to address the statement 'The majority of people in Wool Parish cannot afford market housing'. Lee will finalise the policies.**

**The decision was made to include a policy that affordable housing in the parish should be 40%. It should be noted that Lee advised against this as it may not be allowed into the final plan, but the meeting felt strongly that, although 40% is in the Dorset Local Plan, it should be included in the Wool neighbourhood plan as it backed up by the HNA and is therefore more accurate for and relevant to the parish than the figure in the county wide local plan.**

6. What still needs to be done to finish NP and when can this realistically be achieved?

**Andrew will give an update at the Annual Parish Meeting.**

**All content will be finished in time for the June Steering Group meeting. Any unfinished content will be 'guillotined'.**

**Once the content is finished, an SEA screening opinion will be sought. In parallel, the content will be put into a publishable format.**

**Extra content will be developed to publicise the plan e.g., two sides of A4 summary of the plan**

**The Reg 14 process should commence in September 2023 and the final plan should be adopted in the first half of 2024. This will depend on feedback received during consultation.**

**Steve will send the current draft plan to all steering group members.**

7. Finance and funding update.

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**Steve has completed the financial report for last years' grant funding. Lee and Steve will whether further funding may be available.**

8. Discuss the implications the government's Infrastructure Levy consultation and agree any actions. The 123-page government consultation can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/technical-consultation-on-the-infrastructure-levy/technical-consultation-on-the-infrastructure-levy>

**Andrew had circulated a response to this consultation. The meeting agreed with his response and thanked him for a very impressive piece of work.**

9. AOB and items for next agenda.

10. Date and time of next meeting. **No meeting in May.** The next meeting will be 7pm on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023.