

**Minutes of meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
held on Tuesday 26 October 2015 at 7:00 pm
in the Olney Centre**

Present: Joe Stacey, Tony Evans, Chris Shaw, Colin Kempson, Deirdre Bethune, Colin Rodden, John Sharp, Helen Fudge, Chris Tennant, Helené Newbold

In attendance: Liam Costello (Town Clerk).

1. Apologies

None received

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 September 2015

RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting on 22 September 2015 were agreed.

3. Possible changes to MKC housing position

A presentation would be made by MKC on 25 October regarding the options for the vision for the future growth of Milton Keynes which could impact on the Neighbourhood Plan. All members of the group have been invited to attend.

4. Site allocations plan consultation – results summary

The group reviewed the initial quantitative data from the Site Allocations Plan consultation. The comments were being analysed and a report was being prepared.

LC

5. Housing – correspondence from developers- how to manage?

The group considered the approach to future discussions with agents / landowners.

Correspondence from Agents / developers to be circulated to group.

LC

Meeting with Barwood scheduled for 02 November. JSt, CT and CS to attend, and subject to availability, attend other meeting.

**JSt, CT &
CS**

6. Employment – meeting on Site B

JSt, CS and LC met with agents acting on behalf of Site B on 09 October. JSt reported that the agents said that the site was available and they were in discussions with interested parties.

7. Response from Anglian water regarding Youth Centre site

JSt still chasing Anglian Water for a response to the question regarding easement over the drainage pipe through the youth centre site.

JSt

8. Medical – CAT transfer

The town council have submitted a Stage 1 application under the Community Asset Transfer program to take over the freehold of the youth centre site.

MKC have been asked for their view of using Youth Centre site for health and wellbeing centre

Meeting to be arranged with the Cobbs Garden surgery

JSt

9. Education – meetings with head teachers

JSt reported on meeting with the Head Teachers of the Middle and Infant Academy. All schools, including Ousedale, would appear to have the capacity to expand, if needed, to take any additional demand from the planned growth.

10. Contact with MKC'S highways dept

JSt has emailed MKC Highways asking for clarification on a number of actions highlighted in the Local Transport Plan (LTP3), and for a definitive view on echelon parking along the High St.

JSt

11. Open spaces

JSt asked the group for views as to how best to achieve the aim of protecting the Ouse Valley in the Plan.

One way of achieving this would be through designating sites for protection in a proposals map, with policies in the plan, or through the adoption of a Landscaping and Open Space Enhancement Strategy.

12. Comments on draft 6 of NP

The group reviewed the latest draft of the plan being prepared by JSt.

- Point 4 of vision statement to be split out into two separate points.
- Employment policy should seek to preserve exiting sites.
- Open spaces to be referred to as Public Open Spaces, with

additional requirement to safeguard existing.

- Remove policy on S106 funding
- CT will prepare some wording on housing
- Education sites, sufficient capacity on all sites for the present, but site adjacent may need to be safeguarded.

JSt to amend draft plan in line with the discussions

JSt

13. Any other business

None

14. Date of next meeting – 24 November 2015