SUTTON POYNTZ NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP RECORD OF SUB-GROUP MEETING

Topic sub-group Heritage

Dates of Meeting 15/1/2018

Time of meeting from

Location of MeetingBy phone

Present: Bill Egerton, Caroline Crisp, Jill Kelsey

Key Discussion Points

BE explained that representations had been made to the Steering Group by a few villagers, concerned mainly at the impact of possible Green Space designation on their properties, and the fairly informal method that had been used to create a list of candidate spaces. The same concerns applied to the lists of Key Views and to Heritage assets. As a result of these representations, the Steering Group had concluded that a more formal methodology would be needed to create short lists, involving subject experts. The lists included in the Stage 2 Survey would not be used, and the responses to these lists in the Survey would be ignored.

As a result, a different method of compiling a list of candidate Locally Important Heritage Assets would be needed, should the response to the Survey indicate village support for the principle of such a list. Two possible methods were discussed;

- The first option would be to include in the Neighbourhood Plan a Policy identifying the need for such a list, but leaving the compilation as a future task for the Local Authority – this approach had been adopted in various Neighbourhood Plans that had been seen as examples;
- The second option would be to employ an expert to compile a short list, using criteria from the Historic England advisory note, and perhaps tapping in to local knowledge.

The second of these options was preferred, as there was some doubt over whether the Local Authority would ever be in a position to create the list. However, it was uncertain whether the Steering Group has sufficient funds to employ a Consultant on this topic.

It was agreed that the village's Heritage already has reasonably good protection as a result of its Conservation Area status. As such, a Locally Important Heritage Asset list would be useful to have but not essential. The (reluctant) view of the Heritage Subgroup was that priority should be given by the Steering Group to employing experts to compile a Green Infrastructure list, including Green Spaces and Key Views. Only if funds suffice should an additional study of non-listed heritage be done.