

Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Plan Initial Review Meeting.
23rd June 2021 15:00 to 16:00

Present:

Colin Marsh

Lucy Hamilton

Peter Dye

David Northam

Jane Biscombe

Cllr Bergman attended for part of the meeting.

Cllr Dickenson attended for part of the meeting.

Apologies from Cllr Ferrari

- Some confusion over who is actually responsible for the monitoring of made plans. Jane will check with Dorset Council (DC) and determine how this usually happens and how the planning authority feeds into the monitoring if it is not them doing it. Also need to determine if DC have found the plan useful in their work and if/how they use it in decision making (Does the planning committee use it and identify compliance)
- Also need to ensure we can draw down reports from the DC planning system – can't at present as being over-hauled. Cllr Hamilton spoke about neighbours not being notified about Planning Applications by poster in future as this impacts monitoring.
- Need to ensure the policies are still relevant – this process of monitoring and review will act as a useful pilot which will help support the development of the Weymouth NP. (E.g. charging points)
- Need to ensure the community are supported to feed into the monitoring whilst being clear it is monitoring and not redrafting – mechanism for doing so needs to be defined.
- Cllr Hamilton spoke regarding the impact of Dorset Council not meeting five year land supply on the SPNP being important and relevant.
- Jane was also asked to check on the legality of the SPNP being made a part of the wider WNP. All legal advice thus far is that this is legal but questions are still being asked. This may just need firmer communications and may be more about perceived fairness rather than legal challenge. The WNP actually offers some protection for the SPNP, particularly if anticipated levels of development are not realised. The drafting of the WNP also offers a chance to revisit the SPNP in light of comments from the public and DC to ensure it is the best it can be for local communities.
- Cllr Bergman to be asked to respond to local residents who have contacted him raising concerns, so we can move forward together. If the answer is that this is the correct, legal way forward then we need to draw a line under it and move forward as one.
- Cllr Bergman raised the issue that some residents feel that instead of using the word 'respect' the SP Plan, we should use the word 'adopt' the SP Plan whilst working within the Weymouth Plan. We need SP included in the Weymouth plan but this point is fundamental and will not go away.
- It has been a challenge in SP to educate people on what can and can't go into the plan – valuable lesson for the wider Weymouth work.

- Need to determine who owns the aspirations and other action points raised and how these can be most effectively progressed.
- Next Steps:
 - Determine SP planning applications and use of SPNP in determining those
 - Ensure SPNP is referred to in WTC comments on SP applications.
 - Lucy will send charging point info to Colin
 - Jane will speak to DC regarding monitoring of SPNP (how, who?) based around experience with other NP's.
 - Cllr Bergman will speak to relevant residents
 - Review walks to be planned by Colin for WNP SG to support monitoring
 - Colin will arrange a monitoring meeting with the local community
 - Agreed to meet again within 2 to 3 months although no date agreed