

# Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Steering Group Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in the Parish Office

Present: Mike Dennett (Chairman)  
Dudley Ives  
Danusia Morsley  
Patrick Wingfield  
Tennant Barber.

Apology: Neil Kiley

### **Meeting with West Berkshire Planners (WBP)**

1. Danusia Morsley noted that the suggestion by WBP that the NDP Team consider identifying space that can be reserved for future development in the period from 2026 to 2030/35 when selecting development sites was not included in the draft meeting notes. It was agreed this would be included.

#### **Tennant Barber**

2. It was agreed that a letter be sent to WBP to
  - a. thank them for their helpful and constructive views, advice and suggestions for the next stages of the development of the NDP.
  - b. highlight that the NDP team was very pleased and grateful for the clarification and confirmation that the target number of new dwellings for Mortimer for the period up to 2026 is 100+/-10%.
  - c. State how the team value the meetings and looks forward to further meetings as the Mortimer NDP develops. **Mike Dennett**

### **Parish Response to West Berkshire's Preferred Option DPD Consultation**

3. Subsequent to meeting with West Berkshire agreed first paragraph should be replaced in 'Number of Dwellings' with

"Having examined the various parts of the consultation document (West Berkshire's Preferred Option DPD) there appears to be some confusion over the number of dwellings required in ..."

Replace the last paragraph of 'Numbers of Dwellings' by

"From the above there appears to be a gross over allocation in EKV in particular Mortimer's allocation seems to be disproportionate. However, subsequent to the issue of the consultation paper Stratfield Mortimer has been advised that the correct number for Mortimer is 100+/-10% up to 2026 rather than the number identified in Option 2 (preferred sites) of 147 at average density (30 per hectare). We would wish to see this clearly stated in the revised document."

4. Subsequent to the meeting with West Berkshire, under 'Settlement Boundaries' it is suggested the Parish Council include the sentence

"Subsequently we understand the boundaries will in fact be tightly drawn. We would wish to see this clearly stated in the revised document."

5. Specific Comments

The following amendments are suggested

In 2.11 rather than "see point 2 above" refer specifically to 'Settlement Boundaries'.

In 4.3 rather than "see point 1" refer to 'Number of Dwellings'.

Under 4.11 add the following

"We note under Option2 at medium density (30 dwellings per hectare) the preferred sites will support 147 dwellings. As noted under 'Number of Dwellings' West Berkshire have advised that up to 2026 only 100+/-10% have to be supplied. We would wish the revised document reflect this."

In 4.11 A reword is proposed

"There are sites that are closer to the services and amenities of Mortimer than the site MOR005 (a preferred site)."

Strike out the sentence

"As such we would ask you to remove this 'justification' from the document."

The reason for the change and strike out is that the consultation paper does not justify MOR005 selection on the basis that is **closer** to services and facilities, it just notes that it is close to the services and amenities.

## **NDP Response to Consultation**

6. The NDP would submit the same response with the section on travellers being omitted as these are in an area outside of the Stratfield Mortimer Parish boundary.
7. It was agreed that a paper copy of the NDP response be sent to G Mayes and M Lock together with an electronic copy asking them to support the NDP response. As well as the NDP response also include the Travellers section of the Parish Council response for information. **Mike Dennett**
8. The formal response, on line, to West Berkshire council will be entered and submitted by **Danusia Morsley**.
9. It was agreed to retitle the 'We are the Best' document with "Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan – Supporting Case for Option 1".

## Development of Policies

10. It was agreed that the next step should be that the teams that developed input for the exhibition develop a methodology for the development of policies for each theme that they developed ideas put to the community on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014. These would be reviewed at the next Steering Group meeting and the way forward agreed. The resulting method will then be put to the volunteers for agreement and setting detailed plans to meet the timetable set out in the Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan – Supporting Case for Option 1 document.
11. An email shall be sent to the volunteers to tell them of these plans and if they wished to participate in any of the theme's methodology preparation then contact the theme leaders (a list of themes and leaders to be included in the email). **Mike Dennett**
12. Agreed Dudley Ives would join with Mike Dennett in the preparation of the residential methodology proposals.
13. As policies are developed for each theme this would be checked for internal consistency with other themes and with the overall vision.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 10.00 am in the Parish Office.

Note future meetings will be held every 2 weeks following the 26<sup>th</sup> September meeting in the Parish Office at 10.00 am unless circumstances dictate otherwise.