

**Blandford + Steering Group Meeting – Review Workshop**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 1:00pm**  
**The Community Room (BFTC)**

**Attendees:**

Ms S Loch – Chairman of Blandford +  
Cllr R Carter – Blandford Forum Town Council  
Cllr H White – Blandford Forum Town Council  
Cllr M Albery – Blandford St Mary Parish Council  
Cllr John Stayt – Blandford St Mary Parish Council  
Cllr D Addison – Blandford St Mary Parish Council  
Cllr C Tompsett – Bryanston Parish Council  
Cllr B Church – Bryanston Parish Council  
Jon Dowty – O’Neill Homer  
Leani Haim – Blandford Forum Town Council  
Sally Gardner – Blandford Forum Town Council

**Notes**

**1. To respond to NDDC’s position on the revised Neighbourhood Plan (see email attached)**

**ACTION: Sally** to arrange a scoping meeting with Ed Gerry / NDDC. Attendees from B+ will be Sara, 1 rep from each council, and Sally. [Note: The meeting is likely to be in February to enable enough time to prepare, So Leani will not be attending.]

The aim of the meeting will be to develop, formalize and then publish an agreement for:

- The revised NP allocating sites for development
- Policy scope
- SA scope
- Qualifying allocation land for assessment (currently the NDDC ‘Michelin Man’)
- Core evidence base
- Site assessment process (SA + other criteria)
- Plan of Action & timetable

We also need to ask NDDC explicitly for future housing numbers and employment space requirements for Blandford+.

**ACTION: Sally** to draft notes from the review workshop and forward to Jon / the group.

**ACTION: Jon** to draft the scope and specification for the new plan and develop an action plan for the way forward.

**ACTION: Sally** to contact Lorraine Southwood (Wyatt Homes) to discuss B+ strategy, and later to set up a meeting to discuss the planning application for the land to the NE of Blandford (Policy 1, B+NP).

**ACTION: Jon** to contact Richard Dodson to find out what role DCC wish to play in the new plan, and whether they are in a position to provide a comprehensive and up to date forecast of early years and primary/secondary provision based on NDDC’s updated housing need. [Note: Attended to, and Richard says confirmed yes (telecon 23/1).]

2. **To update and review the Neighbourhood Plan policies (see information attached)**

See attached paper for updates

3. **Update on working with DCLG and Locality**

Leani has received an email from DCLG clarifying that as the revised NP is proposing to include housing allocations, it will be classed by DCLG as a priority plan for departmental support. As a priority plan we will be entitled to a total of £17,000 grant funding (less the funding already spent - £13,195.32) and to dedicated technical professional support (Dave Chapman). DCLG also stated that there is £1,804.68 remaining grant funding that can be used under the old system. Sally, I was under the impression you could access a new funding stream, but I must have got the wrong end of the stick?

Total grant money left to access = £5,609.36

**ACTION: Sally** to contact Dave Chapman (Locality) to confirm the funding above is available, and whether the will be a new funding stream we can access. Sally to ascertain what technical support can be made available (i.e. for the Sustainability Appraisal, Landscape Appraisal, Design and Heritage Appraisal – or combining the latter two into one as for the Limpsfield NP) and the process for requesting these, (given under normal circumstances only two packages of technical support are available).

4. **Memorandum of Understanding and website.**

The MoU is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. The group agreed the MoU is working well in its current format, so can be re-issued and signed again for 2018.

**ACTION: Leani** to renew the annual agreement for the B+ website

**ACTION: Sally** to organise signatures for new MoU.

5. **AOB**

**ACTION: Sally** to organise a thank you meal for Leani

6. **Date of next meeting**

**ACTION: Sally** to update group on NDDC and Wyatt meeting dates as soon as available.

**Meeting Closed**