

Blandford + NP Modification Project Meeting Notes

Thursday 6th July 2023 at 10:00am

1. In Attendance

Cllr Carter – Chairman, BFTC
Cllr Tompsett – BPC
John Stayt – BSMPC

Linda Scott Giles – BFTC
Julie Wigg – BFTC

Ed Gerry – Dorset Council

2. Apologies

Cllr Albery (BSMPC), Cllr Cross (BFTC), Cllr Stocks (BPC), Cllr MacKay (BSMPC)

3. Receive and review Examiner's procedural letter and questions

A discussion was held on the questions raised by the examiner.

4. Receive and review O'Neill Homer's response to the Examiner's questions

The consultant to the B+ monitoring group had provided a response to the questions, which was discussed by attendees.

5. Agree response to be sent to Examiner (note: 12th July deadline)

It was agreed that the monitoring group will prepare a response, using O'Neill Homer's suggestions with additional comments as below. This will be forwarded to Ed Gerry at Dorset Council who will add responses to the questions. A copy will be sent to the monitoring group before being sent to the examiner, prior to the 12th July deadline.

Q1. Cranborne Chase AONB

As per O'Neill Homer's suggested response, include evidence of our efforts to encourage engagement.

DC to add response.

Q2. Wates

As per O'Neill Homer's suggested response, include 'There is nothing in national legislation or planning policy regulations that requires a neighbourhood plan to be delayed awaiting national policy changes'.

DC to add response.

Q3. Bryanston

As per O'Neill Homer's suggested response, include proposal to examiner – 'Map will be removed as entered in error so will be deleted from final modification plan'. Also confirm that we are happy with Dorset Council's proposed changes to the wording in the Local Heritage Plan as these changes are helpful and aid clarity.

Q4. Environment Agency

As per O'Neill Homer's suggested response.

Q5. David Locke Associates

As per O'Neill Homer's suggested response. Propose to Examiner that we include the Plan E map.

Q6. Pimperne Parish Council

As per O'Neill Homer's suggested response.

Approximate Timeline

12th July – Deadline for response to examiner

July/August – Examiner will send the report to DC for fact checking, DC will respond with any comments and then Examiner will issue final report.

End of August – Final report (sent to monitoring group and DC to make any final amendments).

End of Sept/Oct – Final version.

Autumn – DC takes to Cabinet for approval.

5. Agree the updated percentage contributions and modify the MoU

Blandford St Mary

1,600

12.2%

Bryanston (remained with Census 2011 figures because 2021 figures include Bryanston School pupils)

890

6.8%

Blandford Forum

10,600

81%

The percentages were agreed and will be taken back to all three Councils for approval.

6. Agree response to examiners question re: pupil place planning (letter from Ed Denham for reference)

The monitoring group agreed with Ed Gerry's suggestion that the letter isn't required at present and to keep it in reserve.

7. AOB

Date of next meeting to be decided at a later date.