Blandford + NP Monitoring Group Meeting

Thursday 27th June 2024 at 11am

Meeting Room, Royal British Legion, Church Lane
Blandford Forum DT11 7AD

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In Attendance

Cllr Carol Tompsett
Cllr Ian Mackay
Nicci Brown
Linda Scott-Giles
Cllr Alan Cross
Cllr Sheila Chapman
Cllr Terry Clarkson

1. Welcome

Chairman, Cllr Carol Tompsett welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. Apologies

Cllr J Dallison
Cllr Y Mieville
Roger Carter
Cllr Frank Stocks

3. Clarification of Plan and Design Code maps and way forward

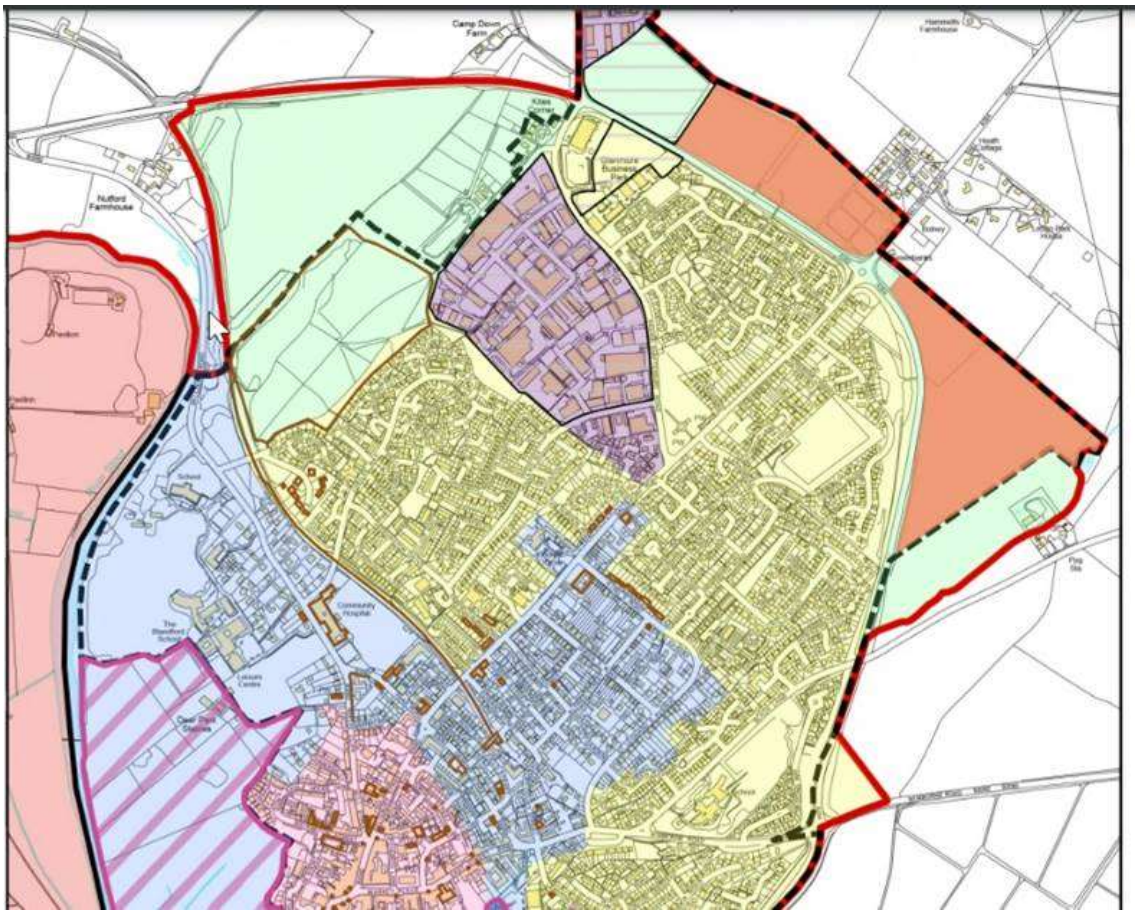
Carol referred to Roger's email suggesting a list is created summarising the amendments to the Design Code. Carol offered to do that.

Ian made the point that the original maps should be retained so we can easily refer to the amendments that have been made and show the difference.

A meeting was held with Ed Gerry, who raised the fact that the Design Code maps differ from the B+ maps. We are not sure why they do not match each other.

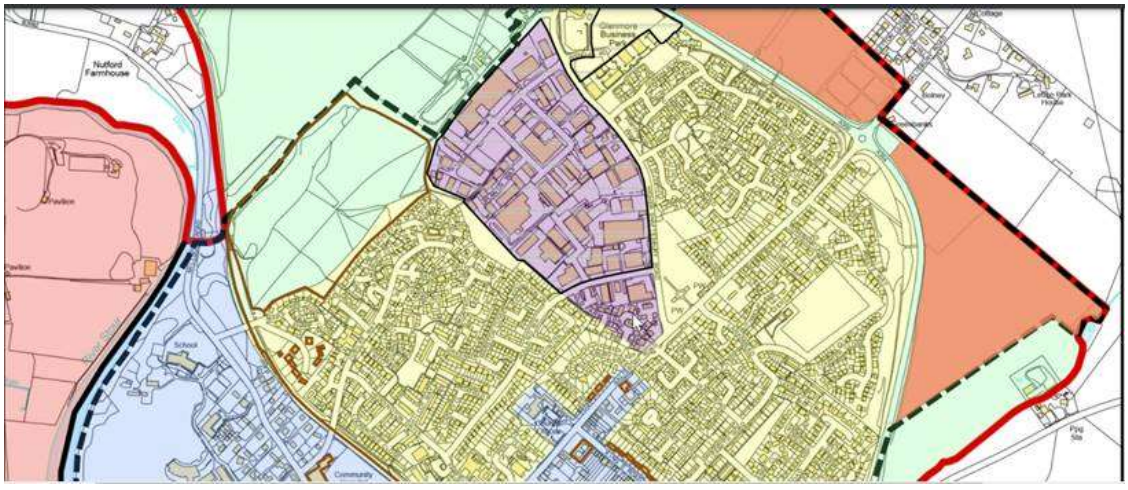
He said he was unable to take the amendments to Cabinet in July due to the change in administration at DC and that the new portfolio holder would like to be fully briefed on the Plan prior to presenting the amendments to the Cabinet.

Map A – where the arrow is pointing, Frank had informed Carol that he does not feel that there is any material impact on the following map error and felt it should be amended when the Plan is reviewed. This was agreed by all present.



Map B – Carol explained that the residential section in Old Farm Gardens shouldn't be shown in purple, as industrial land. Some residential has been shown as purple underneath the commercial area.

Frank suggested that there is no material gain, which Ian supported, and this was agreed by all in attendance. It will be amended when the Plan is reviewed.



Ian summarised by confirming that the Plan is sound, but there are some non-material errors in some of the maps. He will prepare a statement to expand the text on the website.

Map C – The following maps differ and a change would not be a minor amendment and would need to be reviewed as part of the next full review.

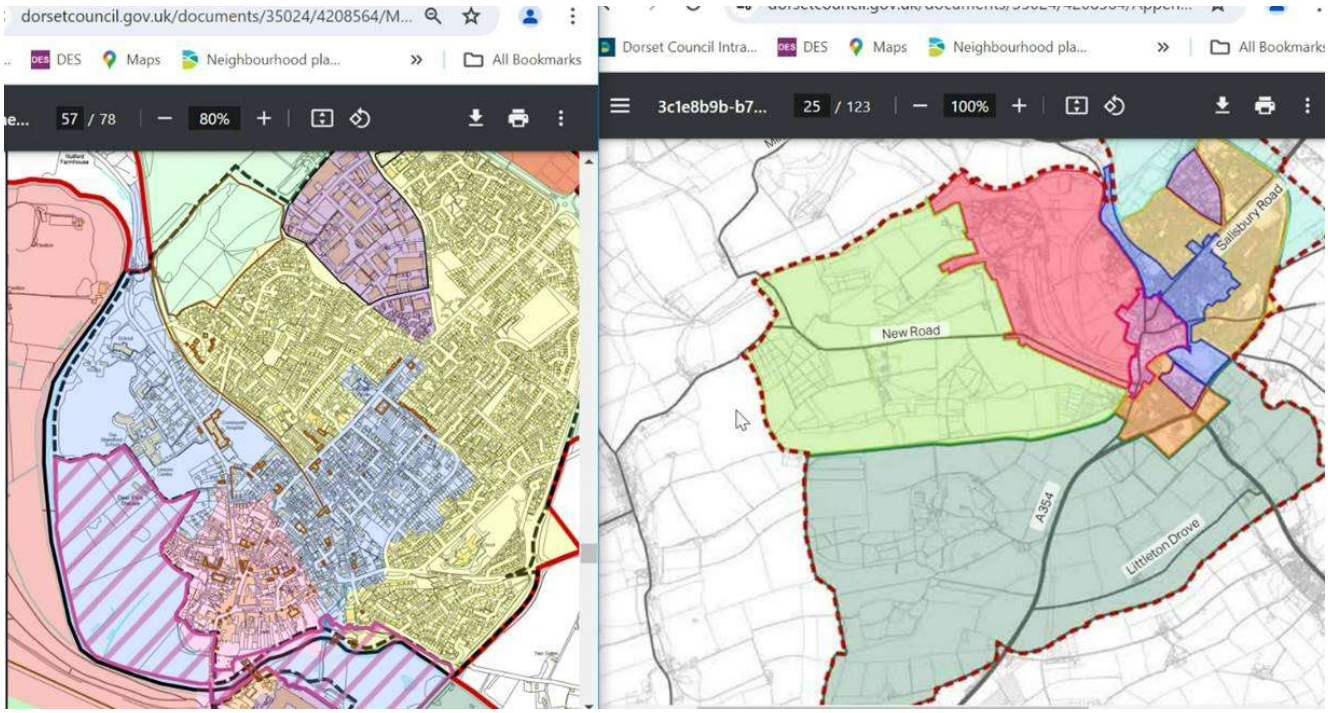
Attendees discussed the incorrect boundary of the red shaded area, on the right map, which has taken some of the blue area on the map shown on the left.

It was agreed that we would ask Hoorieh at AECOM to review it.

Frank is of the opinion that it is of no material impact because it is already built on.

Ian suggested including information to say that we will be applying to amend these and this is what it should look like.

In essence, attendees confirmed that there is a misidentification on Design Code map (right) and the B+ NP map (left) is shown correctly, with regards to the conservation area (an error between the boundary on zones CA2 and CA3). They do not feel that the misrepresentation produces any material change in what the document sets out to do. The B+ NP plan does follow the conservation area boundaries.



4. Update on meeting between Wyatt Homes and B+ representatives

An online meeting was held between representatives of each parish and Tim Hoskinson and Mike Denness from Wyatt Homes.

Carol thanked everyone for their input to the statement made to the Inspector in support of the Wyatt Homes application, which was submitted on Friday 21st June 2024.

Ian made the point that the SofS will change.

5. **Proposal to meet with Ed Denham to establish the current and projected demand for primary school places in the B+ area and the projected need for a primary school north/north east of Blandford (probably a key point that will be considered in the coming Secretary of State Hearing for the Wyatt's development on 8th October 2024)**

The group discussed the issue with the lack of information over the requirement for the school and agreed that it is necessary to have a meeting with an officer from Dorset Council to talk to the group about the need for the school.

Carol reminded members of the attempts made to contact DC officers, to no avail. Attendees agreed that an FOI request would be made to DC, asking the following questions:

- Please clarify the projected numbers for school spaces in the Blandford area
- Please provide the information being used to arrive at these figures

6. **Adoption of Monitoring Sheet**

The attendees all agreed to adopt the sheet and take it to each meeting, the next one being July. The group will complete it together at each meeting to ensure it is kept up to date.

7. **Any other business**

Linda has updated the website following Ed Gerry's advice. He said we could include a statement on the B+ website to flag up our awareness that there is a discrepancy and bring people's attention to them and the fact it is intended to correct this error as part of the future plan in due course.

Ian thanked Carol for taking the lead and moving this group forwards.

Carol raised Nicci's point about emails and asked the group to remove unnecessary attachments to emails before replying to all.

Ian asked if we are going to issue any public statements about what is happening.

8. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 11am on Friday 12th July 2024 by Teams.