Blandford + NP Monitoring Group Meeting

Monday 28th October 2024 at 12pm

Held online via TEAMS

NOTES

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Carol Tompsett (chair)	Cllr Sheila Chapman
Cllr Alan Cross	Cllr Ian Mackay
Roger Carter	Nicci Brown
Linda Scott-Giles	Becci Brady

2. Apologies

Cllr Rosemary Holmes	Cllr Terry Clarkson
Cllr Frank Stocks	Cllr Yvonne Mieville
Cllr John Dallison	Mark Aldis

3. Update on Dorset Council's approval of the modifications (non-material changes) to the Design Code

Linda emailed Ed Gerry regarding the Design Code changes. Ed has confirmed he believes the B+NP Group has made all the necessary changes, and he is aiming to take his report to Cabinet on 17th December 2024. He is currently waiting for Planning Portfolio Holder, Cllr Shane Bartlett. to agree.

4. How should Wyatt Homes and/or the B+ Group inform people about the development locally?

Carol spoke about the importance of 'advertising'' our policy B2 and the Wyatts development out to the public and raised the question as to whether the Group should be responsible or Wyatt Homes. It was agreed the Group should produce its own communique, either writing its own but using Wyatts

information, or to entirely write its own and refer to the Wyatts executive summary (via a link).
The B+ communique needs to include how B+NP policies will be delivered via this development and the resulting positives for the people of Blandford.
CET agreed to speak with Wyatt Homes to obtain their leaflet/executive summary and to ask their permission to use it, and to create a draft version of the communique to circulate to the Group by the second week in November.
How the communique will be disseminated and shared with residents was also discussed. A Royal Mail drop to each resident would be cost-prohibitive. It was agreed to use social media, the local 'Around Blandford' magazine and local newsletters.
A suggestion was made that a timeline of the construction works should be produced, including how they will affect residents.

5. Any update on Wyatt Homes and The Blandford Group Practice (CET)

No Updates. Carol spoke to The Blandford Group Practice three weeks ago and they are waiting to hear if they can move their dispensary licence. We await further information.

6. Wards Drove application update

The application was refused on 26th July 2024 and there are no further updates. The Group discussed informing the public that we opposed this application, but it may be subject to further review by the government and NPPF as housing increases in and around the town. A point was made that the Group needs to know what the possible route will be through the Wards Drove. The Trailway network have their AGM on 26th November, Sheila and Nicci said they will try to attend and report back for further clarification as to what their plans are and Carol will write to Ranger, Graham Stanley to see if there is a definite route through Ward's Drove and what's been done, if anything, to acquire the land.

7. Lower Bryanston Farm application update

CET reported that Taylor Wimpey has started construction which has caused significant traffic issues. DC and Simon Hoare MP have been informed. Taylor Wimpey is now giving weekly updates which are being communicated to residents via Facebook. This has been well received. The safety of pedestrian access has been raised as a concern and DC have said they are not prepared to create a public footpath.

8. Planning Application for Park Hill, Charlton Marshall

No update and unresolved to date.

9. Possible effects of the new NPPF on Neighbourhood Plans

No updates from the new Government. Roger informed the group that in the last information from government it was not mentioned. The Group agreed for CET to ask Ed Gerry at DC for the number of new homes required in the wider area around our B+ area vs those already built out, both for the B+NP Group's own information/future site allocation for the next Review, and to be available to answer any questions from the public.

10. To agree a programme for the next Review of the Neighbourhood Plan, including the Non-Designated Heritage Asset List

CET suggested that we should consider getting started on the next Review of the NP. As we are yet to discover how changes to the NPPF will affect neighbourhood plans, it was suggested the Group should start with a review of the Non-Designated Heritage Asset List to ensure the B+NP has recorded all relevant properties, and to liaise with DC about its Heritage List currently being consulted on. CET agreed to liaise with DC in this respect.

Nicci Brown agreed to send a list of Heritage Assets collated by The Civic Society (and sent to DC some time ago) to all members of the Group. It was agreed that each council area will form a working group to review the heritage assets in their area and to report back at the next meeting in January 2025. Hopefully, the changes to the NPPF will be available by then, clarifying the route to the next Review.

It was also agreed that the Trailway should be kept on the Group's radar.

11. To update the Monitoring Sheet – group responsibility

It was agreed that Carol, Linda and Becci will get together to update this in November.

12. Any other business

None

13. Date of next meeting

Teams meeting on Monday 20th January 2025 at 11:30 am.