

MINUTES OF WELLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 18 JULY 2022.

In attendance : Charles Payne, Dick Amey.

Apologies for absence : Kathy Taylor, John Saunbury.

Purpose : CP explained that the purpose of the meeting was simply to update the SC on progress since the last meeting.

Pre-submission consultation : CP advised that Sharon Brentnall recommended that the pre-submission consultation should be postponed until after the SEA and HRA have been completed. Therefore, the pre-submission consultation has been put on hold.

SEA and HRA : Locality has confirmed the funding for both assessments and has instructed AECOM to undertake them. Cheryl Beattie is the responsible officer at AECOM and she has indicated that the assessments should be completed by the end of August. AECOM has just submitted a draft SEA scoping report and has asked for comments. CP confirmed that he would send the report to the SC with a request for comments by the close of play on Thursday 21 July so as to keep the momentum going. CP will liaise with Sharon Brentnall once all comments have been received to agree the response.

The HRA is being undertaken by Dr James Riley at AECOM but as yet we have had contact with him.

DA asked whether information had been given to AECOM to enable the assessments to be undertaken. CP advised that Les Rackham had supplied a copy of the draft neighbourhood plan and all other relevant information.

In view of the anticipated completion date for the assessments it is likely that the pre-submission consultation will commence in mid September.

Local Green Spaces : CP advised that he had written to the land owners of the additional green spaces identified by the SC following the community consultation last year. Four letters of objection have been received. Prior to departing on his holiday Les Rackham suggested the SC should reply to these letters in order to reemphasise that the land affected was simply the small strip along the river bank, that the independent inspector and local authorities will make the decision and that there will be further opportunities for the land owners to make representations. JS had made very useful comments on the draft letter which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Date of next meeting : To be arranged dependant upon progress with the SEA and HRA.

C K Payne
19.7.2022