

Bures Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting
7.30 Wednesday 19th April 2023
The Dennis Ambrose Barn

Present: Robin Hamilton, Richard Adams, Richard Shackell, Sandra Scott, Gill Jackson

1. Apologies for absence

Nigel Cowlin, Tom Probert, Simon ten Brinke-Jackson, Ken McAndrew, Molly Meyer-Thomas, Jane Chambers, Ken Jackson

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2023 agreed by email and circulated

3. HNA update

Response from Matthew Kearney – the 29 housing from the HNS does not hold statistical significance but AECOM could include a reference to the HNS in the HNA.

In terms of the figures for Affordable/Social rented, the model used results in a surplus. Separately to the HNA, Babergh and Mid Suffolk district council have expressed a desire with the AECOM housing team that they bring their recommended tenure split more inline with the B&MS broader housing strategy as part of the Local Plan review. The proposed tenure mix would be 71% Affordable rent and 29% Affordable home ownership (equating to 25% First Homes and 6% Shared Ownership).

This tenure mix would carry more weight than the projected surplus identified in the model, and would allow us to direct more attention to the delivery of Affordable rented accommodation. Matthew can amend the report accordingly if we agree.

The general feeling of the meeting was to avoid stating particular numbers for housing as it may have unintended consequences.

Action: KMc and MT to meet to discuss and respond.

4. Use of Consultants – Scope of Work/ Proposal Brief / Agree details

The matter of the total government funding available for each NP area was discussed. £10,000 is the set amount with up to £18,000 provided at least one additional elements such as Design Codes and identified sites are included. It was concluded that checking our situation with Locality/Groundwork would be wise.

RA had prepared a list of contents for the Consultant Brief and a possible scope of work. The meeting agreed that this work was very helpful. All present to review the items before Wednesday 26th April. Others not in attendance will receive the documents with the invitation to comment.

Consultants will be sent the latest draft together with the worked up Cover note – Consultant's Brief and the Scope of work. The draft will be accompanied by a list of items/gaps identified that we are still working on. Consultants will be asked to quote item by item and to carry out more than one review of the draft.

It was agreed that a collaborative approach was desirable.

Action: All to send comments on the documents prepared by RA before 25th April. RA to complete revision of these documents by 2nd May.

7. Changes to the Draft

The draft is currently without columns and with the photographs as a separate list. There are items to review and to add following the Public Consultations at the market and the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was noted that we have yet to receive feedback from Paul Bryant, Babergh or Alan Massow, Braintree on the drafts sent in March. Following the changes identified as needed the draft will be sent again.

Changes to the draft are to be saved in the Dropbox with the title being the date of revision.

Action: GJ to add items from the Public Consultation, RA to add Climate Change items not included when the section headings were changed to reflect the Vision. RS to review the Getting Around section.

8. Photographers

The 2nd gift voucher has been awarded to Sarah Bruin as agreed at the last meeting.

Sarah and Steven await our request for photographs of particular areas of the village.

10. Dates of next meetings

Monday 15th May

Tuesday 30th May

Monday 12th June