# Dore Neighbourhood Forum

# Steering Group meeting 3rd April 2019

Present: Christopher Pennell (CP), David Bearpark (DRB), David Crosby (DC), Pat Ryan (PR) and Keith Shaw (KS).

## Apologies

1. Apologies were received from Jen Donnelly.

### Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2019.

- 2. The minutes were agreed as a correct record.
- 3. Members also noted and agreed the clarification made within the minutes of the February meeting.

#### Matters arising on the Minutes.

- 4. With reference to minutes 4 and 21, there was uncertainty as to whether the latest version of the DNP circulated by JD did incorporate the corrections that DRB had provided in early March. **DRB will check this**.
- 5. With regard to minute 5, it was noted that minutes of the meeting with SCC held on 14th March were still awaited from Sarah Smith (SS). CP had spoken to GW and he has promised to provide a report (minute 6 refers).
- 6. With reference to the application for re-designation, DRB talked through the note he had circulated, following a lengthy email from SS. There seemed to be a number of unnecessary requirements being mentioned, which he would address in due course. In particular DRB recommended, and it was agreed, that he would withdraw his suggestion for amendments to the DVS Constitution. **DRB will pursue this further with SS.**
- 7. In terms of timing, there was discussion as to whether we should simply ignore the suggestion by SS that we let her have a draft version of the document first for her to comment upon. Was there any advantage to this, or should we simply make a formal submission? **DRB will investigate** whether there is a requirement on a Planning Authority to respond to such a submission within a set timescale.
- 8. DRB will carry out further work on this, but will be unable to do so before mid-April.
- 9. All other matters arising were covered by other agenda items.

### Housing Chapter.

- 10. CP introduced this item by referring to the critical issues and noting that our discussion of the way forward was hampered by the absence of the SCC minutes of the meeting and of the promised review document.
- 11. DC noted that he had amended the wording for DN5 and DN6, and also re-ordered the presentation of the Housing chapter. **The meeting agreed** the re-sequencing of the chapter.
- 12. After discussion it was agreed that **DC would look again at the further suggested wording in conjunction with CP** to include a greater reference to the Hayle wording in the context of rear garden development.
- 13. CP advised members to look at the interplay of paragraphs 11(d) and 14 in the NPPF.
- 14. **CP also said that he would** examine carefully the housing statistical evidence provided by SCC to see if it added anything to the statistical evidence already reviewed by the SG.

## Other Chapters requiring work.

15. **CP will review** the Foreword and the Vision and Aims well before 15th May. **He would also review** the Landscape chapter to ensure that it was textually crystal clear that the DNF was not presuming to make Green Belt Policy; **and also review** the supporting text for DN14 in relation to a Local list of non-designated heritage assets.

- 16. **DC will review, with scrutiny by DRB**, the Introduction and Planning Context; but he will need the minutes of the meeting with SCC held on 14th March which were still awaited from SS.
- 17. CP agreed that it was important to the finalisation of the DNP for us to have these. SS had recently explained to CP that she was waiting for internal responses. CP will respond to her stressing that we needed those minutes (of a meeting that was now over 3 weeks ago).
- 18. There was discussion as to whether the wording used relating to the Green Belt and Green infrastructure could be used also for the Green Spaces. It was agreed that this would not be appropriate as these Spaces were not a network.
- 19. With regard to Transport and the recent Green City report, **PR would re-send** wording to **DC**, who would now insert it into the Plan.
- 20. With regard to the Proposals annex in the DNP, KS and JD would review this section.
- 21. Finally, it was agreed that each **SG member would re-read** the latest version of the DNP, reviewing the wording and the structure in full.

# Supporting Documents.

- 22. With regard to the Consultation Statement, it was reported that PR and CP had met to discuss this. It had been agreed that there was too much text referring to the background to the work prior to the Forum being created, in particular the village Design Statement. This had now been placed into an appendix. **DC noted that he would now** amend the flowchart at the beginning of the DNP to remove those references.
- 23. PR noted that there would still need to be a few changes in due course: to refer to the recent SCC meetings and another Forum meeting, if that is what is agreed.
- 24. PR also noted that the hyperlink he had used to the SCC website was no longer operative, so now he simply had references to the named documents. **KS offered to put all these documents** on to the website, so that there was an alternative archive.
- 25. DRB agreed to proofread the final version of the Consultation Statement.
- 26. With regard to the Pre-Submission Consultation it was agreed, in order to minimise some of the bulk of this document, that all the detail in column three would be removed. Another very significant contributor to the bulk was the very extensive comments made by SCC, far greater than in any other Forum Plan that had been viewed. After discussion of whether to place this in an appendix, it was agreed to leave it in the body of the document.
- 27. DC noted that the Basic Conditions Statement was virtually complete, although he needed the formal Screening Reports from SCC before he could finalise it. **DC will circulate** the currently updated version of this Statement to SG members for review.
- 28. PR reported that he had all documents needed in respect of the Evidence Base.
- 29. It was noted that the Policies Map still needed to be updated. It was agreed that we should wait until close to the end of the process before requesting updated maps from the PDNPA, so as to ensure that the final versions were definitely correct; but it would be **helpful if DC forewarned the PDPNA** drawing office of the likely timing **Consulting the DNF.**
- 30. CP had circulated a document setting out the pros and cons of arranging another meeting of the DNF. This had clarified matters greatly and there was immediate agreement that a further meeting should be arranged.
- 31. It was agreed that the optimum dates for the meeting would be one of 17th,18th or 19th June, and that the Church Hall was a suitable venue, as it would hold 200 people. DC will contact the Church Office to arrange this, and will inform SG members which date is booked.

### Scheduling and Sharing Future Work.

- 32. CP referred to his updated schedule of activities, with suggested priorities.
- 33. There was general agreement with this. In particular it was agreed that with regard to items 23 and 24, amendment was only needed in respect of Policies 5 and 6; and with regard to item 25 **CP will circulate a note** suggesting allocations to members for reviewing particular sections.
- 34. With regard to item 29, it was noted that due to the timing and holidays arranged, this would need to be carried out between 28th April and 5th May. **DC and DRB to note**.
- 35. With reference to item 30, **DC noted that he would complete** this before he went on holiday on 6th May.
- 36. Finally, there was discussion as to whether there was any real benefit to submitting a Draft to SS as opposed simply to making the formal submission; after all there had been innumerable discussions with SS and we were clear about the issues. It was agreed to decide on this at a later date, because we had to consider the mechanics of securing updated screening opinions, if indeed this proved to be essential.

#### Next Dore to Door article.

- 37. The content of this was discussed, clearly to include the further Forum meeting and the reasons behind this, bearing in mind that the main principles had still not changed.
- 38. **CP will prepare a draft** and circulate it to SG members, so that the article could be submitted to the editor by 17th April.

#### Dates of future SG meetings.

39. It was agreed to arrange the next meeting for **Monday 29th April, to be held in CP's home** (PR gave his apology for this). Thereafter, the following meeting would be, as already arranged, on Wednesday 15th May.

David Bearpark 4th April 2019