

Eccleshall Parish Neighbourhood Plan Group

June 10th, 2014 – Eccleshall Community Centre at 6.00pm.

Present were:- David Pimble, John Baldry, Brian Mason, John Allen, Peter Thompson, Keith Weston, Barry Apps, Gordon Dale, Cheryl Hyland, Peter Bertram and Chris Heelis

Policies:- David referred to a document detailing Draft Policies, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The group went through the paper noting various amendments that were to be made. Christine would circulate the amended document to members.

Once the Policies were formulated the various agencies would be contacted, including Highways and Severn Trent and the Policies would be forwarded to Raj Bains for screening.

Evidence Base – David indicated that the evidence base was currently being compiled, which would include the community aspirations and sources of information and reference that had informed the Policies in the Plan.

It was proposed to include the Housing and Traffic and Parking sections which had been prepared previously including analysis of the questionnaires.

Site Surveys:- The site Surveys undertaken by Keith, Peter and John were almost completed. It was agreed to add another item to the criteria for consideration - Impact of traffic. Keith and John were to take photographs of the views into and out of the various sites and email the survey details when complete. Additional sites for possible development would be considered at the next group meeting.

Richborough Estates:- It was noted that Richborough Estates were about to submit a formal planning application, which the Parish Council was supporting for several reasons including the provision of a multi-use games area, children's play area and open space. It was hoped that by supporting these proposals the Parish Council would be in a better position to challenge other applications that were expected to be submitted.

There followed some discussion about the numbers of houses which may be allocated to the Key Service Villages. Raj Bains had indicated that planning permissions granted since 2011 /12 would count towards the 1200 homes to be provided between the Key Service Villages. Hence, if the 82 homes with permission at the rear of the Community Centre were built and the 130 by Richborough Estates the allocation for Eccleshall would possibly be met. Confirmation of the numbers to be allocated to each KSV was expected to be determined by the Borough Council in July.

Traffic Surveys:- David reported that Traffic Consultant had quoted costs of £1000 + VAT including disbursements to analyse traffic survey data and undertake a capacity assessment for the roundabout at the junction of the A519 and B5026. This would be in addition to the £680 quoted by Axiom to undertake the turning count and associated surveys. It was agreed that these costs exceeded the funding available and that data from the surveys conducted previously by Axiom for Richborough Estates may well suffice.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the group on Tuesday June 24th, 2014 at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 7pm.