

AGENDA

GOUDHURST PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN GROUP

Steering Committee (SC) Meeting # 26

Monday September 3rd, 7.30 pm, Jessel Room

Present: Colin Willis (CW), Craig Broom (CB), Paul Griffin (PG), Linda Griffin (LG), Jim Boot (JB), Peter Woods (PW), Anthony Harris (AH), Ed Bates (EB), John Leavens (JL), Adrian Smith (AS), Anthony Harris (AH)

1. Apologies:

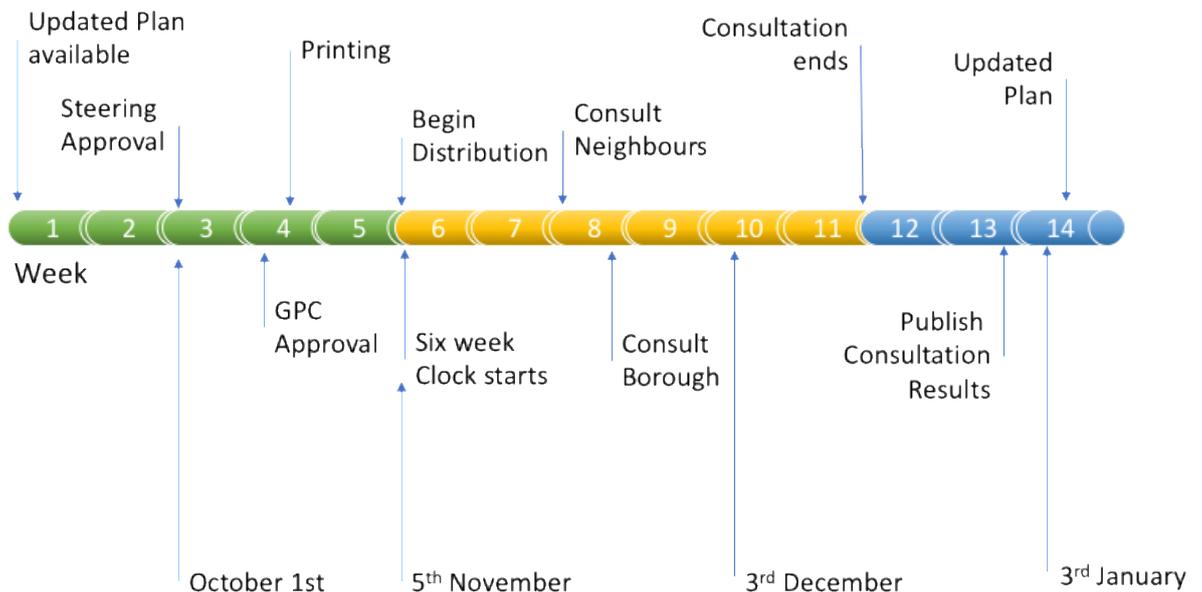
Richard Hillier (RH), Barbara Stafford (BS), Guy Sutton (GS). Linda Hall, Michael Thornton (MT), Shiona Gardiner (SG)

2. Minutes of Meeting # 25 (6/8/18) – Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Timetable & Arrangements for Reg 14 Consultation on Draft Plan

The overall timeline for the plan distribution was discussed using the rough timeline below:



CB commented that the timeline of delivering a plan for examination early in the New Year was dependent on our ability to print and distribute the latest draft in late October. The public consultation, set out in regulation 14, would begin in November

lasting for a period of six weeks. Key to meeting this timeline will be the approval by GPC to the distribution of the plan. AH considered this would be possible.

The draft will be printed and delivered one per household in the Parish. CB to investigate printing costs based upon current draft.

The form of the public consultation was discussed. CW remarked that all residents should have the option to comment on some or all of the policies in the plan and went on to outline the approaches taken by Ticehurst and Marden. The option for a separate formal response document requiring explicit Support/Not Support/Don't Know tick boxes and online response gathering was considered operating on similar lines to the questionnaire.

However, JB noted that Wye had taken a simple approach asking for general comments on each chapter of the plan. The overall consensus of the meeting was that a one page template for responses would be included with the plan. Residents will be able to make selective comments, both positive and negative on any policy contained in the plan and not be required to complete a comprehensive questionnaire on all the policies. Residents will be able to make comments that object to a policy, support a policy with reservations or wholly support a policy. where someone wishes to express dissatisfaction with a policy, they will be encouraged to say why. Responses can be provided on email, at consultation events (see below) and in writing. It was noted that this consultation should not be regarded as a mini-referendum on the draft and so response rate was not a major consideration

There will be two drop-in events to allow residents to ask questions of the team and will be encouraged to complete the response form. These will be held (assuming we can maintain the proposed timetable) in week 2 and week 4. The drop-in meeting dates would be Wednesday 21th November 6:30-8:30 and Saturday 8th of December from 9-12. CB to book the Parish Hall.

We will produce boards advertising (CB) the consultation to be distributed to key points in the Parish from the start of distribution until the end of the six week consultation period. The potential timings allow us to include communications of the delivery in the November Parish magazine.

The process for consultation with statutory bodies was outlined by JB who will provide a list of statutory bodies. All of the consultation material will need to be documented in a Consultation Statement with the points being considered by steering. The results will need to be minuted. The plan will likely change to reflect the consultation. If the changes do not materially affect the plan then it will not need to be re-delivered in hard copy form. A copy of the revised plan can be made available online or from the Clerks office, Parish Hall etc. We would need to provide a copy should a formal request be made by an individual.

JB also commented that once the draft is available we need to ask TWBC for a Screening Opinion. TWBC will decide if we need to complete a Sustainability

Appraisal for the plan. This will be based upon the impact our plan will have on any important sites of nature conservation or the AONB.

CB noted that the proposed timeline for distribution of the plan may be close to the annual poppy appeal and we would need to discuss options with BS (who has in the past managed the hand delivery of NDP documents) before agreeing firm dates.

4. Feedback/Progress Reports:-

The option for the inclusion (or not) of the Old Cricket Pitch (OCP) in our list of green spaces was discussed. There may be some limited possibility to restore the area as a cricket pitch and some discussions have been taking place. EB noted the OCP has some potential for development being one of the few flat areas in the village if vehicular access could be addressed. Designation of the area as a green space would not be prejudicial to any such development as our proposed policies would allow for alternate land to be identified as replacement green space.

It was agreed to include the OCP in our green spaces and CB will confirm this to the Parish Clerk.

PG asked if the triangle in Priors Heath had been considered for inclusion as a green space. PW will investigate the proposed space and report to the next meeting.

CW noted the AECOM proposal to deliver a design code and also critique the draft plan. The proposal for funding has been made but no formal response has been received.

5. Implications of the NPPF (2018)- "the new planning rule-book"

CW mentioned the CPRE document distributed with the meeting papers which outlined the changes made in the 2018 NPPF planning legislation which is already in force. Two of the key areas of change are:

1. How housing numbers are calculated. Responsibility for this is passing back to the Office for National Statistics and it is expected that the overall total number will reduce. CW noted that MT considered that as a result of this Goudhurst might receive a 'quota' although AH noted that the numbers in Goudhurst would be likely to remain low.
2. A 5 year land supply is still required but there is a grace period of two years to allow local councils to get a plan in place to deliver this.

The CPRE paper will be made available through our website.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

Meeting #27 October 1st 2018 at 7:30 Jessel Room

7. AOB

PG&LG will be away for next meeting

AH attended the highways meeting where the Traffic elements of the plan were discussed and suggested changes noted. The writing team will review the changes and include where appropriate.

PW asked that the details of Local Green Spaces included in the TWBC spreadsheet be included in our plan.

Outstanding Actions from meeting #26

#	Date Raised	Description	Owner(s)	Target Date
154	6/8/18	CB to run an test SA against our selected sites	CB	Complete
155	6/8/18	CB to update plan to reflect a project on RES	CB	Complete
156	6/8/18	CW will write a paper for the meeting with GPC	CW	Complete
157	3/9/18	CB to inform clerk on the NDP position on the Old Cricket Pitch as a green space	CB	1/10/18
158	3/9/18	CB to provisionally book the Parish Hall for drop-in meetings	CB	1/10/18
159	3/9/18	CB to provide initial advertising copy	CB	1/10/18
160	3/9/18	CB/CW to meet with BS to discuss distribution	CB/CW/ BS	1/10/18
161	3/9/18	CB to get estimates of printing costs for the draft plan	CB	1/10/18
162	3/9/18	PW to investigate the triangle at Priors Heath for inclusion as a Local Green Space	PW	1/10/18
163	3/9/18	CB to make the CPRE summary of the NPPF changes available through our website.	CB	1/10/18