

Minutes of Sustainability meeting – 21 March 2013

Time – 19:30 Thursday 21st March 2013

Present:-, Daniel Scharf, Paul Mayhew-Archer, Matthew Lowy, David Mercer

1. Agree Minutes from last meeting – all agreed version with some minor corrections

2. Apologies – Diane Dunsdon, Chris Bone, John Scott, Richard Webber

3. Declarations of Interest Daniel said that his firm was acting for the owner of Stonehill Farmhouse but that he was not, and would continue to express his views through Drayton 2020 and the PC

4. Familiarisation with draft Local Plan – Discussion about the numbers requirement that would affect Drayton to 2029. Seemed that even the 299 (at March 2012) has been accounted for through permissions at Kingston Bagpuize if not elsewhere – at least when the Plan was adopted. Daniel suggested that landowners and developers in the Abingdon area could object and pointed out that there would be housing needs review before December 2013 that could change the numbers. David Perrow was to enquire of Vale whether we had understood this correctly. Discussion about the relationship between land requirements and actual building rates. Daniel said that his main concern was to persuade that Drayton was not a sustainable location and the Local Plan should be seeking to make new development contribute to increasing sustainability not just maintaining existing services. Daniel offered to start the group's response by circulating some ideas Question about whether Drayton 2020 would be making submissions on the Local Plan – to be confirmed at Steering Group tomorrow.

Action- Daniel to circulate a response from Group for comments and to be discussed next meeting.

5. Southern By pass - This is being safeguarded in the draft Local Plan. DRS suggested that as the land to the north of the road was almost entirely unsuited to development; sewage works, playing fields, landfill, ancient monument, flood plain, Tesco carpark, the only development that could pay for bridge and road would be between Drayton and Abingdon. This should be a major concern. There did not appear to be any prospect of development on the safeguarded line or a need for the strategic growth creating both the need for the broad and its finance to justify this being put into the Plan. If coming south of Abingdon there might be better places to join to A34

6. Manor Farm - Daniel reported that a date had not been arranged to receive the EoP comments on the Drayton 2020 ideas plan. Until these discussion revealed scope for an agreement the date for public meetings and participation was being delayed.

7. Other Land – Daniel reported another discussion with landowner of land to south of

High Street (including the possibility of selling to self-build group) and advised to contact David Perrow.

8. Sustainability Appraisal Scoping - David had circulated a further draft that had dealt with a number of matters including transport, heritage and bio-diversity. This will be commented on by Paul followed by Matthew followed by Daniel (and then Chris, Richard and John if time before next meeting). This is to go to Anton before going to Vale for comment.

Next meeting to be held at The Wheatsheaf – Thursday 4th April 7:30pm