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## GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Mobile Classroom at Gurnard Primary School in Baring Road on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 from 7pm.

### **Present:**

**Councillors** Richard Day, Aslam Javaid, Marie Bugden, Jane McKean & Terry Barrett, **Messrs** Terry Nolan, Carl Blenkinsop, Guy Boorman, Richard Cobden, Bede Townsend, Jon Pearson, Greg Malone & Miles Seymour (Consultant), **Mesdames** Martha James (Consultant) & Emma Stevens. Also Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

### **Apologies:**

Paul Fuller, Alan Jacobs & Sean Harrison (all prior arrangements)

### **Medina Valley AAP Key Regeneration Area Settlement Boundary in Gurnard:**

Martha James began by saying that she has talked to the IW Council about the implications of placing Gurnard out of the Settlement Area – as Gurnard is producing a Neighbourhood Plan she couldn't identify any adverse implications for development in the Village.

There followed a question, answer and period of discussion and this included:

- Parishes defining their own settlement boundaries – a boundary is needed, unwise to allow development in whole Parish – keep some red lines as on Guy's map (Parish & Settlement Boundary lines), say along Baring Road towards Egypt Point etc
- Interpretation of "within or adjacent to" the settlement boundary – Anything adjacent to the line would be a development consideration, but this is the current situation now. With Gurnard being outside she is of the opinion that Gurnard would have more protection, not less, and would become a "wider rural area". SHLAA sites are only developer's suggestions, and these are being assessed now (Deliverable, Developable & Achievable). She confirmed that some of suggested capacity of SHLAA sites is "preposterous" – far too many, over double in some cases.
- On-going role of the former UDP envelope boundary – it still does have a role, and any tinkering or removal of it must comply with the Island Plan Core Strategy. She added that she doesn't mistrust the IW Council's motives for suggesting placing Gurnard outside of the boundary – no secret agenda.
- Implications of removal of the boundary line within the Parish on protection of green field & other areas formerly enjoyed under UDP – there is no danger of this in her opinion – again she emphasised that any new boundary drawn must comply with the Core Strategy
- Benefits of the removal of Gurnard from the settlement area – the H/Needs Survey will enable a robust countering if any claims from developers about need for development etc and made, and so "potentially" Gurnard could be better off being outside of the settlement area. There is always the possibility that the IW Council may have powers to move it anyway – **Martha will check this out, and will also pass all the Steering Group's questions on to Ollie Boulter on Monday**. Again she reported that, following discussions with Ollie Boulter, she can see no secret or hidden agenda. Some of the proposed SHLAA sites would end up being not "adjacent to the settlement boundary", and so would cease to be SHLAA sites. **It was agreed that it might be more helpful if some firm**

**proposals for the boundary line were mapped out before committing to the idea of moving/removal” “in principle”.**

- Housing Needs Survey – inclusion of both primary and secondary data is needed

This part of the meeting closed with Martha reminding everyone that within the NPPF and Core Strategy there is a “presumption of development” – i.e.: this is NOT all about trying to stop or restrict development, rather customising it in line with community wishes.

### **Matters Arising from 10/1/13:**

- a. Freepost envelopes – it was reported that a licence is required, which costs £83 + VAT, and then we pay 33p for each envelope put through the system. It was mentioned that Northwood personally delivers/collects, achieving about 40% return. **It was agreed that this might be a useful additional means of ensuring better feedback from some.**
- b. Media Officer – a list of contacts has been produced earlier in the project by Bede, but he would rather not remain as “Media Officer” – it was suggested that Miles might help out with regular Press Releases, and **he said would be happy to do the background work, working with Guy for the final submission. It was agreed that “Press Release” should feature on the end of future Steering Group agenda.**

### **Consultation:**

- a. Initial General Survey  
The analysis results are not on the N/H Plan website yet, **but Richard Cobden will do this.**
- b. Housing Needs Survey  
Further discussion took place on the format, with concerns that questions 8 & 9 are too open ended which could lead to a “no development” culture manifesting itself in respondents. Perhaps the issue of “where” development takes place would follow on later once the “need” is identified? **It was agreed that questions 8 & 9 would be removed and the “geography” would be dealt with later on. Also there needs to be some “rewording” on the front cover.**  
Security numbering is an issue and this, together with an on-line facility, was discussed. **It was agreed that the forms would be available in hard copy format only, each individually numbered.**  
The issue of “looking outside the box” was mentioned again to help towards the consultation process not stumbling at examination, with it being suggested that residents close to the Defined Area boundary should be informed/consulted with in some way, and this could include running some sort of “Poll” at the schools and inviting people to public meetings etc – any statistics received would need to be kept separate from those within the area and classed as “secondary data”.
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting  
This is confirmed as 7pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at the Village Hall, with access from 6.15pm. **It was agreed that a “pre-public meeting” meeting would be arranged for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 from 7pm, hopefully at the Village Hall, to firm up on the meeting agenda and use of IT, which will include promoting the Housing Needs Survey exercise.**
- d. Banners  
Consideration was given as to whether 1 or 2 were needed, and what the wording should be - **it was agreed to request 2 x 10’ x 2’ PVC banners at £80 +VAT each, with one having permanent wording “Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting at the Village Hall” followed by stick on temporary letters for the date/time etc (e.g.: 21/3/13 @ 7pm) and the other to have permanent wording “Have you returned your survey form yet?”. Each banner is to be complemented by one N/Hood Plan logo.**  
These will be ordered subject to the Parish Council confirming the purchases.

## Focus Groups:

- Buildings & Development – there was nothing to add
- Environment – there are 2 new members and topics discussed included mapping of sites, ecological assessments, TPO's and other trees of importance, wildlife & hedgerow surveys, bat population statistics, grouping of species peculiar to this area, terms of reference, members' skills audit, historical environment information and footpaths/rights of way. The group meets again on 13/2/13.
- Regeneration, Economy & Tourism – a new member, Joss from the Ellen Macarthur Foundation, attended and spoke generally about building sustainability into the Plan and this covered a wide range of topics and ideas including car manufacturing/recycling, widespread other recycling, biomass electricity generation, food waste, consumer collaboration (sharing services, transport etc using a website), micro-generation and grant availability. He has expressed an interest in joining the Steering Group – **Emma will give Rusty contact details.**
- Social Wellbeing & Community – Contact has been made with some volunteers in the hope of attracting members for the group, and some priorities for the group have been drawn up. This group hasn't met yet, but the content of a recent update from Paul Fuller also included some details relevant to this group from the initial general survey feedback, which included transport, recreational facilities, medical services, community events and provision for young people.

## Neighbourhood Plan Programme:

With respect to the 2013 programme no specific decisions were taken but it can be taken as read that "community group consultation" should be moved from January & February to March.

Discussion then moved on to effective communications of the programme and its events, and in particular the forthcoming public meeting on 21/3/13. Ideas included:

- Entries of Gurnard Primary School & Cowes Enterprise College newsletters – **Richard Cobden will deal with this.**
- Posters & flyers – **Miles will work on a draft (to include words like "housing development" to catch people's eye) to publicise the 21/3/13 meeting in time for the 7/3/13 Pre-meeting** - Parish notice board (**Rusty**), Village Hall notice boards (in and out), IW County Press (**Rusty**), websites (**Richard & Rusty**), shops (??), pubs etc(??).
- Lucky Draw – this was discussed to encourage completion, but there are obviously some contact detail challenges (anonymity)
- Staying on Track – **It was agreed that most of the current work will be undertaken by the Focus Groups, so they should "up" the frequency of their meetings.**

## Community Groups – Individual Consultation

- Gurnard WI – there was no information available from **Paul**
- Gurnard Cottage Garden Society – **Rusty** has been in touch – there will be a response after the group's February meeting.
- Gurnard Sailing Club – **Emma** will has spoken to Mark Southwell – no response yet
- Gurnard Primary School & Friends Association - **Richard Cobden** says Liz Jackson would be very amenable to a possible "Planning for Real" exercise, but there was no report on contacts with the Friends Association to see if access to members is possible or not
- Gurnard Scouts & Guides – **Greg** has been in touch with Paul Savill and is still waiting for a response
- Gurnard Mums & Toddlers Group - **Rusty** has heard from Lisa Anderson and, provided notice is given, Steering Group members would be welcome any term time Friday at the Village Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am.
- All Saints Church – Richard Day is waiting for the new Minister to be in place later this month (consider presence at fayres & jumble sales etc)

- Gurnard Club (Age UK) – **Rusty** has been in touch with Alan Wiles – welcome at any meeting, usually held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the Village Hall – please give notice.

Other groups suggested were CAMEO (Carolyn Sibley), and the Village IT Group (Carolyn Sibley).

No programme for visiting these groups was put in place, pending hearing from all the groups.

**Other Urgent Business**

Nothing was raised

**Next Agenda**

Nothing was mentioned

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as 7/3/13 at 7pm – venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm