**WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 9th May 2016 at the Lions, Bledlow at 8pm.

Present: Simon Breese (Chairman)

Luca Guerzoni

 Derek Stone

 Paul Castle

 Andrew Sage

1. **Quorum**

The Chairman noted that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open.

1. **Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

The purpose of the meeting was to review the latest version of the draft Plan (v10) and in particular the following areas:

* 1. Settlement Boundaries:

Paul expressed concern that extending the boundary of GB4 to the other side of Chinnor Road could adversely affect the character of the housing on that side of the road. He also felt that Derek’s proposed wording describing the reasons for extending the boundary (introduced to address recommendations made by WDC) was misleading. After discussion it was agreed that:

* The proposal to extend the boundary should go forward for consultation.
* The supporting language describing the reasons for the modification should be amended to talk in more general terms about “entering” the settlement whilst recognising that the types and density of housing were different on the different sides of the road.
	1. Design Principles:

Paul was concerned that some important language had been removed from policy 2 and was not adequately covered in policy 6. In particular the need for new housing to be appropriate for the size of the plot and commensurate with the size of the surrounding houses too.

Derek took an action to circulate modified language.

* 1. Development at the former Molins site:

There was lengthy discussion about how to meet the following aims:

* To support WDC’s appeal;
* To show the community that we support a smaller development as appropriate;
* To encourage a larger scale development where to do so would be more likely to occur due to issues of sustainability and economics.

The WG felt that a two headed policy addressing (i) 25 houses plus the concrete, and (ii) development along the lines of the concept drawings, was to be preferred. In addition the NP would include an upper limit showing the maximum amount of development which would be permitted.

Andrew took an action to find out how large the proposed St Congar development was. Derek took the action to redraft the policy.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for 16th May at 8pm at the Lions.

1. **Any other business**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.40pm.

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Chairman