

**Minutes Eversley Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm**  
**Venue: online**

Attendees

John Chitty (JC), Liz Batup (LB), Malcolm Benjamin (MB), Wendy Lewis-Nelson (WLN), Sandra Miller (SM), Fiona Dixon (FD), Rosie Twine (RT), Ed Dixon (ED), Dave Chapman (DC),

1. Apologies for absence

Sarah Allen (SA), Karim Souissi (KS), Neil Rickard (NR), Annie Clarke (AC), Patricia Lambert (PL), Sally Plank (SP),

2. Update on the AECOM visit on 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Whistle stop tour and working lunch covering conservation areas, green spaces, all hamlets, listed buildings, proposed development sites and different housing styles. Next step was to sign off the contents page to agree an outline of the document. JC found the document not sufficient to allow a critical assessment of planning applications and an updated version has been issued. Dave is involved to assist us. Meeting need with AECOM to finalise the contents pages. **ACTION – DC to confirm date tomorrow for this review.**

3. Proposed Policies - Using group 3 output as the starting point

Points raised in the community survey:-

- Protecting our green spaces (Policies INF2, CON 7&8)– need to identify non-designated green spaces (i.e. not conservation areas or other special designation) and develop a policy. Also identify key views.
- Protect the Thames Basin Environment – this doesn't need to be repeated as a policy but is worth mentioning in the NP.
- Maintain Green gaps – a specific policy on non-coalescence is needed.
- Improve our flood prevention measures (Policies NBE5/CON 7, NBE 6) – enhanced measures needed to cover new development as flooding already occurs. NPPF does not take surface water flooding into consideration. DC advised that new development will be covered in the design code in advising measures that do not increase flood risk. But we could put in a policy regarding what would be needed to protect against flooding. Also, look at flood risk maps to guide where you should or shouldn't build.
- Improve access to public transport – public transport is not part of Planning Policy. For any proposed Planning Application we should look at what is the active travel plan suggested for a development.
- Make our roads and lanes safer. Footpaths, Cycleways, bridal ways. It is possible to comment on networks and connectivity and express aspirations for safer cycleways and footpaths. These should be considered as projects to meet community aspirations if we get CIL or S106 funding.
- Controlling HGV movements and bus services are out of scope.
- Develop housing for future needs (Policy H1 – housing mix) - starter homes, off street parking and planting to be included in new developments. Need to establish the mix, type and tenure for housing. DC advised that we should know the updated figures for affordable housing needs (current data was published in 2020) – a new survey to be done. JC has started compiling a new survey.  
**ACTION - LB to advise EPC of the new affordable housing survey before we circulate to the community.**
- **ACTION – RT volunteered to manage the Housing Survey**
- Off street parking and planting of trees would be covered in the Design Code.

- Community facilities (Policy INF1 and 2)– GP, Schools (primary and preschool), Shops. DC advised these would be aspirational points to add into the ENP.

Missing areas to work on next;-

Rural exception sites, allocation of sites, mix of housing required.

- The Parish Council would decide the priority order of projects for S106 and they need to drive through the requirements.

#### 4. Remaining Evidence - What is needed and practical steps

##### - Local Green Spaces

DC suggested we list everything to ensure protection. Including all community assets, e.g. the Cemetery and Eversley Sports Association, Allotments, Cricket Green, Bluebell Woods, Pond and play areas.

ED has maps with all footpaths and bridle ways indicated.

##### - Key Views

The Conservation maps (on the shared drive under evidence) indicate key views and AECOM will pick these up in the Design Document. We need to identify other key views around the village – those we see when walking or out and about. These are not just long-distance views, but those views that typify Eversley village. There is a template to help document our views and describe them – local character, scenic quality, conservation interest or recreational value (see the form). To document them we need photos (maybe from several perspectives) and coordinates.

State where you are standing, take long distant photographs, describe it's significance and explain the conservation interest or recreation interest.

Especially look at non conservation area views.

We need help to get this piece of work done and will be looking for volunteers.

Need to get agreement from the community what green spaces and key views are significant.

##### - Housing Need Survey

New survey needs to be done asap.

- Overview of the Call for Sites and Site Assessment Process – Timing of a Call for Sites would probably be at the end of the Summer (July/August)

Design Code is needed ASAP.

#### 5. Agree Working Teams and Next Steps

All team members need to be present to decide roles – Teams meeting to be arranged soon. **ACTION – JC to arrange teams call with working group**

Community involvement needed for key views and green spaces

Mapping exercise – ED

Housing survey – RT & JC

#### 6. AOB

Next meetings for the diary

21<sup>st</sup> May

18<sup>th</sup> June

16<sup>th</sup> July

#### 7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Eversley Village Hall.