

Knowle, Dorridge and Bentley Heath Neighbourhood Forum – Housing Focus Group

Minutes of meeting held on 27/4/2016

Present: Steve Lyle, David Wallis, Louisa Jakeman, Gill Griggs, Tony Aykroyd

Apologies: Lis Hedley, Tony MacClelland

1. *Mapping update*

TA joined our meeting to talk about what he has discovered in relation to mapping and what can be achieved using QGIS software. We studied examples of the map he had created for the Vision meeting while he explained how it was built up by applying layers of data obtained from a variety of sources. Once we understood how the process worked we came up with a list of the sort of details we felt would be most useful to highlight in creating a “Housing” focused map for KDBH. These included the following: Built sites from 2012 SHLAA, development sites proposed in the 2016 Call for Sites (once available), Green Belt boundaries, schools, leisure facilities, nature/wildlife reserves and SSSIs, main through routes, parks, Doctor’s surgeries, conservation areas, shopping areas, supported/old people’s accommodation, social housing.

Action: TA agreed to contact Nathan Luck (?) at SMBC to find what information on the above is available and then we would help fill in any gaps.

2. *Review response from Simon Purfield to first draft of survey questions*

The next 2+ hours were spent considering and updating all the survey questions in relation to the comments raised by Simon in his response dated 8 April and the meeting with Jane and the three Leads on 26 April plus e-mails from Bryan Hunt and Andrew Freeman. After much “energetic” discussion a consensus was finally achieved!

Action: SL to update master document and prepare second draft for forwarding to Simon (awaiting additional questions agreed on 26th and being prepared by Martin Murphy).

3. *Response to e-mail from Gary Palmer, SMBC following Local Plan Review presentation*

On 25th April, GP circulated an e-mail requesting feedback from the presentations which took place in December and January, one of which was attended by most members of the Housing group along with others.

Action: GG to respond and particularly mention that time for questions should have been handled better (having run out of time to complete the presentation on the day we attended).

4. *Request for support from Bryan Hunt*

BH was making a presentation to Sing Bentley Heath on 28th and requested some help at the end to answer questions and collect details of possible new members.

Action: No one from the group was free. LJ (who was going to be there anyway) to advise BH and assist where possible.

Next meeting Wednesday 25th May at 19:30