

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

Minutes of meeting held on 9/12/2015

Present: Steve Lyle, Lis Hedley, Gill Griggs, Louisa Jakeman.

Apologies: David Wallis

1. Work on figures from Ward Profiles and Census results.

A considerable amount of time was spent assessing the type, amount and comparability of data from a variety of sources. Out of this we developed a list of data sets to be used for recording and comparing historical and future (from survey) data. Some of the information available includes areas outside our Neighbourhood Plan boundary so adjustments will need to be made by reference to alternative sources and/or percentage breakdown.

Action – SL to a) talk to DW re: progress on refining Ward profiles and creating spreadsheet; b) talk to SMBC re: refining Ward profiles; c) create spreadsheet of all available data for comparison purposes.

2. Decide who will be attending the SMBC Briefing session on Monday 14th December.

All four members present decided to attend this meeting and agreed to raise any questions thought to be relevant at the time, rather than try to create any in advance.

Action – SL to confirm attendance and circulate invitation by way of information (DONE)

3. Our response to the Solihull Local Plan Review (which must be submitted in writing by Friday 22/1/16).

We started by running through the sections of the 2015 Review which are relevant to our area and looking at the full Consultation Response Form. We concluded that, although at this early stage of development of the KDBH NF we did not have a comprehensive mandate, we did already have a feeling for the likely views of the local populace (which of course includes that of the existing committee). Although we did not think we could give specific answers to each of the questions, we thought it essential to make some form of statement to ensure the group is recognised and becomes involved in the Review process.

Action – GG to create a response document for circulation to the Housing Group for comment. A final revision should take place at the next Housing Group meeting (5th January) with the aim of having the completed document ready for presentation to the main committee on 13th January.

4. Start to think about the format for the main group meeting on 13th January.

We decided that subjects for discussion at this meeting would be based on the following:

- i. Feedback from Solihull Local Plan Review briefing on 14th December
- ii. Presentation of relevant sections from the 10 page non-technical version of the Review, hopefully accompanied by an early view of our Housing data set
- iii. Discussion around our proposed response to the Review

The actual presentation will be handled by members of the team as appropriate.

Action – SL to check with JA to find who could create a slide show from the Review document above. Also to confirm availability of projector and screen for the 13/1 meeting.

5. Feedback from GG/LH on Knowle Village Green action points.
No further information has become available.
Action – GG to chase Mark Sitch for view of Barton Willmore/Wallis Properties. LH to chase Josephine Haigh from SMBC re: council ownership of houses adjoining proposed Village Green area and council view of the Village Green issue.
6. Mapping and Survey action points from last meeting agreed to be postponed until a later meeting as of less pressing importance than subjects above.
7. Feedback from SL on action point responses from Emma.
Emma had just replied to say that SMBC did have a digital plan of the area and this could be modified with GIS software. She has contacted her colleagues to obtain details on SMBC land ownership details and to seek clarification concerning Waitrose intentions about their site in Knowle.
Action – SL to chase Emma for guidance on how to access their plan and check with JA if anyone on the committee already has GIS software and knows how to use it!

Next meeting Tuesday 5th January at 19:30