

Notes of the DSWNP project management group meeting 7 September 2016.

Present: Phil Smith, Edwina Rowling, Mike Burr, Rob Mills, Tony Gedge, Don McBeth, Sallie Collard-Watson, Trevor Kirby, James Standing, Tom Jones, Mark Clark, Steve Dempsey

10 members of the public.

Apologies: Tony Corrigan, Dan Ashe, Julie Middleton, Tom Dufty

1. **Declarations of interest:** Mike Burr declared an interest in the possible housing site at 3 Common Lane, i.e. he knows the owner and is a friend of nearby residents.
2. **Boundary gates** for Ditchling: Don McBeth spoke about Ditchling Parish Council's consideration of this issue. It was agreed that it should not be taken forward outside of the traffic policies in the neighbourhood plan.
3. **Housing update:** there was no change in the Nye Lane Neville Estate and garage sites and the Common Lane site, ie they were still being proposed for consultation as per the notes of the June meeting.

There was a discussion and questions from the members of the public present on the Park Barn Farm site covering a range of issues including access, ownership, housing need, traffic considerations, visibility. Cllr Tom Jones explained the context of the housing requirement for Ditchling and residents were advised that there would be a full consultation on all 4 proposed sites and that both members of the neighbourhood plan group and officers of the SDNPA and Lewes DC were aware of issues that would need to be overcome such as traffic and access.

4. **Policy conflicts:** it was agreed that Cons 12 would be amended to include the wording: 'Development at the Ditchling Recreation Ground will be permitted where it is part of the Sport and Recreation Development Plan required under Policy COM 4'.

It was agreed that Mike Burr and Steve Dempsey would refine BIZ 4 and 5 to eliminate ambiguities eg on acceptable agricultural diversification, and to take holiday accommodation and infrastructure needs into account

5. **Timetable and consultation:** the revised timetable was noted. The second consultation on housing and green spaces would hopefully start within 4 weeks, i.e. as soon as landowners provided the necessary information. We are awaiting the SDNPA opinion on density for the Park Barn Farm site.

Tony Gedge raised the issue of whether, at pre-submission stage, we should have published the full appendices alongside the main document, rather than just referring to them as being available on the website. ER to ask SDNPA about the need to re-consult on the entire plan and the appendices.

6. **Date of next meeting:** no date was set as this would hopefully not be needed until after the next 6-week consultation period