

## Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

### Minutes of Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016

#### at U-Know-Who, Bessels Lea

**Present:** Dermot Mathias (DM - Chair), Ian Bacon (IB), Nick Chancellor (NC), Eric Eisenhandler (EE), Mike Marshall (MM), Pat Mattimore (PM), Anne Millman (AM).

**Apologies:** Richard Farrell (RF), Angela Hoy (AH), Lydia Inglis (LI), Miriam Jacobs (MJ), Jo Lakeland (JL), Joe Goyder (JG), Andrew Maxted (AMax), Gwyn Rees (GR), John Ogden (JO), Charlotte Perry (CP), Alex Musson (AMus), Helen Mathias (HM), Lydia Inglis (LI).

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were agreed. Additional comment to be made by those present if necessary.
2. **Basic Conditions Statement.**  
Thanks were expressed to NC for producing this. It was agreed that **DM** would ask AMax to confirm in writing that we were not in breach of the EU habitats directive and that a Habitats Regulations Assessment was not required.  
**DM** would also ask AMax to review the whole Statement.

3. **Consultation Feedback** (see attached)  
AH had passed thanks to AM for her work on this; it was endorsed by the committee. The 'Consultation Log Excel' contained policy related comments while the 'Consultation comment Word log' contained all comments. Ten comments had been received against specific policies but nothing materially affected them. AM will organise a sub-committee **[AM, EE and one other]** to draft responses to the comments. It was agreed that they should consider incorporating support in the Plan for the development of more retail businesses in the village.

**Statutory body responses:** (see attached)

These bodies were Thames Water, Highways England, Natural England and Historic England. Their responses are on file.

**Highways England and Thames Water:** No responses required.

**Natural England:** They suggest a reference to biodiversity required. EE to respond.

**Historic England:** DM to ask LI to consider whether any changes to the Plan should be made. In this context the Group did not think it appropriate to develop a policy which identified the character of Mock Beggar's Hall and Farm as an area of special character. This conclusion was in particular supported by RF who was unable to attend the meeting.

**Actions and timescale:**

The draft plan should be reconsidered, especially the Executive Summary, to convert the Consultation Draft into the final document (**DM, EE**). The timescale will depend on the time needed to amend the plan following the consultation and preparation of the Consultation Report.

4. **Date of next meeting**

TBA

5. **AOB**

There was none.

MM 1/4/2016