

## WNP

### John Cotton Interview 6 Dec 2016 INFORMAL NOTES. (SODC took formal Minutes)

*A wide-ranging discussion of selected priorities, but not everything listed here.*

1. JC believes that the White Paper (Land use), January 2017, will be relevant.
2. The development Levy (CIL) for support infrastructure will be apportioned by SODC and Holton Parish will be the main area of development. It is some years ahead. Money for infrastructure is also raised thro' planning negotiations with the developer.
3. Regulation 123 defines "shopping list" for which CIL money can be used (Growth Board Papers Sept 2016, SODC website). Certain projects funded by Holton's CIL would benefit both parishes - eg. new cycle/pedestrian bridge(s) over the A40.
4. SODC Funding of WNP (£10,000) was confirmed on 6 December (£10,000) which in turn confirms the WPC and HPC *signed agreement of December 2015*
5. Cannot tell (nationally) at what draft stage WNP will be 'recognised' at the Planning table. A developing story, but not easily discussed beyond 'Get as much done as you can'. It does begin to matter when we sit with OBU (next time end of January), or request a voice in the future of *The Railway* site and other similar Applications.
6. The WNP built-on half-site map agreed in December 2015 clashes with the whole-site map in *Preferred Sites LP32*. To change the statutorily agreed map would set WNP back at least two months. JC & SODC fully committed to preserving Green Belt. Language ambiguous - 'Brookes partial site (built on)', not a blanket 'Brookes site', best describes our remit. Green Belt has legal protection, but **see 1. above**
7. Housing numbers/capacity. WNP Website accurately defused the press-scare over '750 houses'. A theoretical figure for modelling capacity.
8. 'Mixed-development' not discussed, but for WNP to pursue.
9. Visual impact on Holton of OBU development. (Clare Wright's's question) JF brought it up afterwards informally. It is an EIA (Impact) matter and a Planning Application question. A parallel common concern cited was night time 'light pollution'.
10. LP32 Preferred Sites (Mark 2) due out for Consultation **by end of February 2017** and hopefully will be adopted in the summer of 2017.
11. Funds for professional consultants available via Tax Reduction Scheme, BUT not encouraged, now that SODC offers direct help from in-house staff. With their help we may not need consultants. They will check conformity with SODC policies, find relevant policy examples from other NPs, and help tighten our language, e.g. making it more specific – eg. 'affordable housing', not merely 'housing.' They also advocate 'Local Green Space Important to the Community' which seems to carry weight.

**Advice**, 'say what you think might be helpful and practical. You are writing it. It is also long term visioning – beyond the next 5 years. NPs know their area better than SODC'

**John Fox, 13 December 2016**

