

Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan
Report to WPC for Monday 05 June 2017 (new Monthly Meeting schedule)
Copied to Holton PC.

1. **WNP Public Consultation** began in both parishes 08 May, for 8 weeks (beyond the statutory 6 weeks to accommodate General Election, Half Term, and Bank Holiday). It will end on Friday 30 June.
2. **Posters x 7** are on official noticeboards in both parishes. They have also been distributed to churches and to bodies such as Age UK &, Wheatley Society. They inform about letter-drops, email responses, WNP WEBSITE www.wheatleyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk and hard copies in Wheatley Library and with both Parish Clerks. 16 national and local statutory bodies have received copies. A Strategic Environmental Assessment is thought by SODC as 'not likely'. It depends on three of those statutory bodies, The Environment Agency, Natural England and Highways England. H.E. Has replied 'No Comment'. Summaries of the WNP Draft will be available on 17 June and flyers about this Open Day will be posted everywhere.
3. **Responses from more than 30 individuals responses have arrived.** Two have come from the small bungalow community near ASDA after conversations with WNP, and they in turn have discussed matters with the other four householders. All have expressed an interest in attending Open Day, 17 June, Merry Bells, 10-4.00.
4. The **Evidence Base Index** on the Website now has 30 'live links'. Please note an item '*History of The Number 300*' which is about to appear soon. A unusually high number of Facebook acknowledgements has greeted the publicity (1450 reported in the first few days)
5. A **WNP account of its spending** was given to WPC Finance Committee 22 May. Some spending will be needed for Open Day 17 June, flyer printing and display costs. WNP have SODC money in reserve (approximately £2500), besideswhile money is also available from Locality and from SODC contingency funding (e.g., should the 'unlikely' Strategic Survey (SEA) be ordered).
6. **WNP attended Holton Annual Parish meeting 25 May** (Robert Barter now Chairs HPC). We were warmly welcomed by a village turnout of some 60+. HPC have responded to the Local Plan 2033 (Consultation ended on 17 May). They shared their concerns about perceived number of homes to go on the Brookes site. WNP were welcomed to speak and shared their difference of view over forecast figures. For exactly a year WNP has defended the figure of '300 with mixed development' consistently and sometimes in strange circumstances. We believe our defence of '300' is justified, but we have also repeatedly warned of many ifs and unknowns about site purchasers, and house design.
7. **Comments from WPC and HPC during Public Consultation.** I did suggest on 08 May that both councils consider meeting WNP in the week beginning 29 May (avoiding Election week). Three Wheatley councillors have already made individual (and welcome) observations, but I have heard nothing more than that. Perhaps it would be easier if **all** councillors were to make **individual** comments on the WNP before Consultation ends.
8. Prior to submitting the revised Draft WNP to SODC & to Examination, **Wheatley PC as the Qualifying Body hs to sign off the proposed revised version.** It needs despatching promptly and further advice on this procedure is needed from SODC. We have not yet even had SODC's Public Consultation comments. After 21 days I requested some urgency from them, particularly if any 'bombshells' (their choice of word last March) await us.

**PLEASE URGE THE COMMUNITY TO COMMENT BY EMAIL OR
POST TO ENRICH THIS CONSULTATION DRAFT PLAN**

John Fox, Chairman, W.N.P., 02 June, 2017

