

Meeting with SODC, 16 January 2019.

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1. All the statutory bodies have to be contacted as part of the pre-submission consultation (SODC will provide a list). In addition, neighbouring parishes should be contacted. (Do not miss anyone out!) WNP intimated that a target of 1 March had been set for the pre-submission consultation. It is mandatory that for this consultation that the following documents must be available:- WNP, ER (SEA) and Site Assessment.
2. RG will revise the WNP and SODC will review the Site Assessment documents as a matter of priority.
3. RG will approach Dixon/Searle once again to see what may be possible for the Viability Assessment as it only has to be available by the time of submission (target mid April). We were advised that it would provide an additional layer of protection (not guaranteed).
4. SODC will review the draft Consultation Statement and advise. The test will be does it tell us WHO was asked, HOW they were consulted, WHAT they said and WHAT HAVE WE DONE about it.
5. There is no clear definition as to how many houses would constitute a “strategic site” although 200 houses or more would be considered as a major development.
6. If it is desired to have the western part of STRAT14 given a Local Green Space Designation then WPC/HPC have to ask SODC to make this designation. The WNP can only make a recommendation regarding such a designation. It would be appropriate if WNP Committee made a recommendation as part of the consultation process for LP2034.
7. WNP Committee should check on GP capacity issues via the CCG and direct with GP’s. The effects of growth within 7 miles should be considered by DC when dealing with applications. Developments should “mitigate their own impact”.
8. The boundary issues of WHE22 and the SSSI should be acknowledged in the WNP and there should be an explicit statement that excludes development on any part of the SSSI.
9. SODC recommended that changes to the bus route, provision of car park etc should be considered as a Community Project run by WPC (and also WPA). Project to liaise with bus companies and OCC. RG to prepare proposal for WPC for consideration. Based on response it may be appropriate to include a proposal in the WNP. It cannot be a policy statement. Ideas can also be submitted as feedback to LP.

10. WNP comments not reviewed in detail but draft had been annotated with suggestions, additional requirements and contradictions noted.
11. Character of Wheatley approved.
12. When SODC happy with WNP and Site Allocation we can consult. LP now aiming for adoption by end of 2019.