

WNP Committee update for WPC (virtual) Monthly Meeting, 01 June 2020

This update should be read in the context of policy agreed [Zoom conference, delegated powers, WPC, HPC, WNP, 01 May, 2020] to be published [01 June] by WPC in the Wheatley Newsletter.

On 28 February 2020 the Examiner passed the WNP (Submission version 41, 02 September 2019), praised it, but required modifications before Referendum. These were mainly due to unresolved matters beyond WNP control: Temporary Administration by Government of the SODC Local Plan, and lack of result from the Brookes Appeal for 'up to 500 homes' on Wheatley Campus. On 05 March, SODC accepted Whitehall's conditional restoring of SODC authority over the emerging Local Plan 2034. On 23 April, Whitehall supported the OBU Appeal, citing among other reasons that it helps 'maximise the potential of the Cambridge - Milton Keynes – Oxford Arc'. [8.95.]. In April 2020, Roy Gordon implemented and integrated the Examiner's required changes into a new WNP v.42 pre-Referendum version. Essentially, WNP Committee looks to reinstate its Village Enhancement Plan once LP 2034 is Adopted.

Meanwhile Corona Lockdown has limited conversation and meetings. Local Referendums have been postponed and WNP Referendum is now postponed to 2021. (SODC have responsibility for that). Meanwhile, WNP has validity just short of Referendum which makes it a statutory consideration in all planning decisions in the Neighbourhood Area.

John Fox, Chairman; Roy Gordon, vice-Chairman.

20 May 2020.