

Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement Review Group

Minutes of Meeting #2 : 07 April 2014, New Barns

Present: Nick Ellison Sam Gibson Richard Marsh Ruth Rolls Apologies: Mary Worthington

Road Map/Process for Updating VDS, & Daventry Planning Dept Expectations

NE has circulated report and flow diagram. Daventry have VDS documents filed on line under "Supplementary Planning Documents/Guidance" The majority have been adopted as SPDs, Ravensthorpe's as SPG (which is now obsolete). Those adopted in mid 2000s have attached Sustainability Appraisals (done by village) and Consultation Report (done by DDC). The two most recent ones (Clipston and Spratton, both early 2013, i.e. just around NPPF publication) have been adopted as SPDs with a Consultation Report but no Sustainability Appraisal.

Basic process seems to be submit draft to DDC, DDC carry out the formal public consultation, responses recorded with actions/mods required then final adoption by Council. This approval process took about 4 months for Spratton/Clipston.

NE to circulate link to DDC web page so that examples can be viewed

Daventry Planning have been contacted by RM but no advice so far returned on current expectations. Daventry didn't have a full paper copy of our VDS! Have now been sent one. **RM to scan full copy and place on Ravensthorpe website**

Is a formal Sustainability Appraisal no longer required? What would be the charge for the consultation/approval? Post NPPF, are there any new expectations or can we use Spratton/Clipston as guiding examples?

RM to chase up response from Daventry Planning

Other Contacts/Advice

ACRE contacted - having seen the old VDS they think mainly a factual update is required.

Draft Questionnaire

SG has circulated a draft. Generally agreed it should be short as possible. Better to get a wide response on less questions than a small response on a large questionnaire.

Purpose/limitations of VDS needs to be made very clear in all communications.

Possibly a two stage process e.g. first stage one simple question along lines of "would you support the VDS update?" then more comprehensive questionnaire to gather detail.

Questions content - no need to set these in stone yet. Need to word positively as possible and be generate specific data from the answers. Free form (e.g. "any other comments") data is harder to analyse but some should be included as it can reveal issues not captured otherwise. **All to consider possible questions**

Parish/Village Meetings 16 April

There will be a Parish Council meeting before the Annual Village meeting.

What are the boundaries for a VDS update - should Coton be included?

RM to raise this issue with Parish Council

General recommendation from this group is for an updated VDS rather than a full Neighbourhood Plan, which would take a lot longer and be expensive. The current VDS could be a vehicle for local views to be taken into account in Planning decisions but Developers & DDC officers are routinely saying it is out of date, despite Bristol Inspector has describing it as still valid. The priority is to update it on local views and factual content sufficient to rectify this situation asap.

RM to present update on VDS at the Annual Village Meeting

Next meeting : To be confirmed after Village meetings.