

## WEST BLETCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY

**Present:** West Bletchley Councillors Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Gibb and Harvey, Angie Ravn-Aagaard (BPARA), Iain Standen (Bletchley Park), Richard Lyons (St Mary's Church), Roger Whatmore and Barry O'Shea (Tweed Drive) with Marek Mackowiak (MKC), the Clerk and the Head of Council Services (WBC).

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Paul Hammond (MKC), Mark Swallow (TVP) and Michael Sheppard.

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

#### 3. "Opportunity Area" Workshops

The summaries of conclusions and actions from the following "Opportunity Area" workshops were received:

- Open Spaces – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- Garage Blocks – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014
- Shopping Areas – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014
- Bletchley Park Area – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

#### 4. Arrangements for consideration of the Draft Plan

Comments from the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee, regarding the current draft of the plan, would be submitted to the next meeting of West Bletchley Council's Planning & Environment Committee on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Comments from that meeting would then be submitted to West Bletchley's Full Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Consultation would then take place on the "pre-submission draft plan" for a 6 week period commencing in January 2017.

#### 5. Steering Committee comments on the Draft Plan

The following questions and comments were raised in respect of the draft plan:

- p.14 (para 4) – the number of visitors (to Bletchley Park) expected during 2016 should be amended to 250,000
- p.38/39 – it was proposed that a further piece of land (the site to be adopted in the Bletchley Park housing development) be added to the list of Local Green Spaces
- p.64 – clarification is needed regarding the inclusion of reference to an eastern entrance. A factual statement is acceptable but a policy reference is not as WBC does not support the call for an eastern entrance at the railway station.
- Should the plan make greater reference to the importance of the following sites as local assets: St Mary's Church, Rectory Cottages and the National Museum for Computing?
- Questions were also raised regarding other sites in the opportunity area ie: whether BP3 should make specific reference to areas such as the Former Cricket Pavilion, the Old Canteen and G Block or does this policy already provide sufficient protection in respect of their future treatment as a catch all for all sites within the area.