**FRIDAY JUNE 12TH 2020**

**ZOOM MEETING – 11AM**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Present** Sue Piggott – Chair Apologies – Brian Boon

Jill Temperton

Ian Poole – Places4People

1. **Declarations of Interest -** None
2. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 6th September 2019 were Agreed and Signed
3. **Report of Actions Following Last Meeting**

The finalised Design Code has been received from AECOM.

Locality confirmed the services of the Master Planning team, they will assess which sites could be viable with mitigation measures to deliver housing. The Master Planning team needed confirmation of the additional number that Easton needs to deliver. The Local Plan Review Examination result was necessary before this number could be confirmed. The NP could not progress until this number was confirmed.

During April the Local Plan examination and modifications were published and put to public consultation, this stage confirmed the number for Easton would not alter and that Easton needed to deliver a further 20 houses.

At the examination Hearing Ian Poole challenged the number of 20 along with the definition that all policies within the Local Plan were Strategic. The Inspector upheld the policies challenge and the modifications reflect this. Whilst all policies were classified Strategic it meant that all Neighbourhood Plans in the East Suffolk LP area were unable to produce policies that would influence planning for the area of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Inspector via the modifications has rectified this and the important status of Neighbourhood Plan policies is referred to within the Local Plan.

Sadly, Chris Neil decided to resign from the steering committee following the results of the Local Plan review examination hearing, and prospect that the housing numbers changed outside the close of its consultation period would therefore stand. The committee expressed gratitude to Chris for all his hard work.

1. **To Discuss the Project Plan following receipt of AECOM Master Planning site assessment options.**

The options for layout and sites to deliver 20 housing can only be based on using sites 516 and 739, as detailed in the AECOM site assessment document, i.e. the only ones with an Amber classification. After carefully considering the options provided by the Master Planning team, it was agreed that since neither site met full viability, that Ian should contact East Suffolk Planning Policy Conservation officer, SCC County Land team and SCC Highways to understand their opinion on the viability of each of the sites. Once their advice is gained, a decision on which options to produce a CAD for could made.

The project plan needs a review. It was agreed that because of the difficulties in siting a further 20 houses, that when there is clarity on the options, a postal consultation for all residents will take place, this will ensure a sound base on which to produce the final Draft Neighbourhood Plan that will go out for consultation. It was agreed that there should be clear emphasis on explaining to residents that the number of houses to deliver is enforced by East Suffolk Council and will be delivered in the same way as Hopkins estate was should a Neighbourhood Plan not exist. When a Neighbourhood Plan is in place the housing will have to comply to Neighbourhood Plan policies ie scale, form and design, and position in the village, it is therefore important that the referendum vote represents this understanding.

**7** Date of Next Meeting – TBC

**Implications of the Pandemic and lockdowns and difficulties in meeting has presented a challenge, especially as several members are unable to take up Zoom technology**

**Meeting Closed 12.30pm**

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**Chair**  **Date**