

Minutes of Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Monday 18th August 2025 - 7.30pm.

Present: Jane Fitzgerald, Steve Gardiner, Donna Johnson, Brenda Layton, Val McKirdy, Sue Meyer, Keith Summerford, Robert Wingard. **Apologies:** Cara Fitzgerald.

Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed.

UDC Support: James Blakely from UDC Planning Team has been appointed to support the LHNP Steering Group. UDC has agreed to begin reviewing the draft LHNP, starting with four sections and several policies. Feedback has been received, and this was presented and discussed.

- The Spatial Policy 01 SET will need to be reviewed, and we await further guidance. Grey Belt considerations were discussed, and wording will be added to cover this aspect as agreed.
- Settlement Gaps policy 04 CHAR and Appendix 2 will need further work to ensure this doesn't overlap 02 CHAR Landscape Character and deals appropriately with country-side edges.
- Climate Change policy ENV 16 will not be required due to the comprehensive nature of the Climate Change policies in the UDC Local Plan.
- Heritage Policy HER 05 needs to be simplified.

Policies for Steering Group Feedback on policies: The following policies were agreed by the Steering Group ready for briefing to Parish Councillors at the meeting 19th August 2025:

- 5.01 Spatial Strategy (subject to further guidance mentioned above.)
- 5.05 Heritage & Appendix 03 (this will be simplified and updated.)
- 5.10 Design Guidance and Codes & Appendix 05
- 5.12 Light Pollution
- 5.13 & 13 A Biodiversity - Protection and Enhancement
- 5.14 Green and Blue Infrastructure
- 5.15 Public Rights of Way

Policies for Steering Group update: The following policies were agreed to be forwarded to UDC for review:

- 5.02 Landscape Character
- 5.03 Locally Important Views & Appendix 1
- *5.04 Settlement Gaps & Appendix 2 subject to further review.*
- 5.06 Village Services and facilities
- 5.11 Rural Diversification

The following policies and Appendix will be discussed at the next SG meeting:

- 5.07 Local Green Spaces & Appendix 4
- 5.08 Housing Mix
- 5.09 Affordable Housing
- 5.17 Environmental Impacts and Strategic Connectivity
- 5.18 Business and Employment

Parish Councillors Briefing schedule was presented: with a view to the LHNP being presented for formal adoption at the PC meeting in November.

Residents Sect 14 Consultation proposed dates are as follows:

- Reg 14 Consultation to start on or after 18th November 2025
- Reg 14 Consultation Residents and Statutory Consultees Feedback Form to be drafted.
- Survey Monkey Feedback Survey based on Feedback form to be constructed.
- The leaflets and online survey need to be delivered and live before Fri 21st Nov.
- Consultation Event Dates: Fri 21st Nov afternoon and evening. Sat 22nd Nov morning, Jan 10th after 5pm tbc, Sun Jan 11th until 2pm and Tues 15th Jan afternoon and evening.

AOB: An article for Village Views Sept edition was agreed.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th August 7.30pm Little Hallingbury Village Hall.