

Present: Jon Fowler (JF), Dave Rushton (DR), Edel McGurk (EM), Frank Farquharson (FF), Philip Murray (PM), Catherine Murray (CM), Michael Winton (MW)

Apologies: Martyn Spence (MS)

Actions highlighted in **bold**

1. Review of Actions from previous meeting

- PM and JF have spoken to John Howell about our concerns about the timing of the Public Inquiry for BEN1 Phase 2 and BEN5.
- PM had discussions with Sharon Crawford regarding the S106 Agreement for Ben 1 Phase 2.
- DR has a meeting with Mark Grey on 24/1/18 at which the A4074 crossing will be discussed. **[Carried over]**
- PM followed up on the HRA timetable with Rhona Knott at SODC.
- A meeting was held with a barrister with respect to the planning appeals and the Plan.
- FF's action to discuss the use of the community building with the developer was carried forward, pending conclusion of the planning deliberations for Ben 1 Phase 2. **[Carried over]**
- All actions related to distribution of plan (when published) were completed

2. Update on plan progress

PM provided an update following a meeting with SODC about the timeline for completing the next steps with the Plan. The consultation is expected to conclude on 28th Jan. There has been a little slippage (2 weeks) in the timeframe for the Examiner's report, but we will be informed whether a hearing will be necessary on 1st Feb. (It is the Examiner's decision whether to hold a hearing.)

If there is no hearing required, the report is expected to be available on 15th Feb. If the Examiner decides a hearing is necessary to deal with outstanding objections from statutory consultees, it will be held on 22nd Feb and the report will be made available in the first week of March. In that case, the earliest the referendum will be heard is late April, but more likely early to mid May. Once the Plan has been examined and accepted by SODC, it will be a significant milestone in planning terms, as if the referendum is not

SODC last year. It has transpired that the method of calculation evolved during spring 2017 to include permissions in the period 2011-2033. We want to be in a position to provide clear explanations to the community on the SODC allocations that were used as a basis for developing our plan and negotiating with developers to secure the edge road. PM and DR attended a meeting with SODC to understand the process. SODC has prepared a short note, explaining the background. This will be sent to the Examiner as an explanatory amendment to our Plan.

Action - PM will prepare an update to enable any questions on the matter to be answered.

Action - JF will draft a short para to include in a series of news updates for the website.

4. Ben 5 Appeal

The Ben 1 Phase 2 appeal has been withdrawn now that the section 106 has been signed and the outline permission has been granted. The timetable for the Ben 5 Appeal is now likely to change as only a single appeal is being considered. It is expected to start at 10 am on 20th Feb, and will be held in Benson Parish Hall.

We want to encourage lots of people to attend the first day as it will have an impact on the Inspector. JF has mentioned the appeal in the Benson Bulletin, and we will want to publicise the event by the usual means of communication. **Action PM**

5. AOB

Fenella Galpin has sought updates on the total number of houses and average no of residents to provide information to Church groups and the Patient's Panel. **Action FF** to provide Fenella with an update.

Representatives of Hunter Page have contacted JF about other development opportunities in the Parish and are seeking a meeting. Action JF will offer some dates.

Date of next meeting - 13 Feb 18 **Action JF** to book a room.