

Minutes No. 64: Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting



Date: Wednesday 25 October 2017
Venue: Hopwood Community Centre 10:00 am

Present: John Cypher, Peter Freeman, Alan Helmore, Adrian Smith (Chair), Dorothy Snaddon, Marc Worrall.

Apologies: None.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 11 October 2017, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1. Pre-submission Events

The three day consultation at the Baptist Church was held as planned, was well attended and all Steering Group members felt positive about the event.

An article and photograph of the event has been published in the Redditch Standard and is available on the publication's website. Those that had seen it felt it was a fair reflection of the current NP situation.

Andy stated that he had had a meeting with Kit Taylor of Bromsgrove District Council on Monday 23 October to discuss various planning issues and the Bromsgrove District Plan, Tammy Williams and Wendy Carney were also in attendance.

2. Maps Received From BDC

Marc distributed copies of the maps prepared by BDC Graphics Department based on draft maps prepared by the Steering Group, for inclusion in the various NP documents, for discussion. The following amendments were proposed:

2.1 Transit Network

- Amend title to Transport Network.
- The colours are a bit confusing (which may be due to Marc's printer running short of some inks).
- The blocks along the roads and railway lines should be made bigger.
- The black of the field and road layout (base layer) should be lightened.
- Added text e.g. M42, Hopwood Park Services, should be in boxes with a white background.
- The key should be amended to suit the above.
- All marked features should extend beyond the Alvechurch Parish Boundary.

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2.2 Sustainable Modes Of Transport

- Enlarge the coloured blocks along the roads etc and circles showing bus stops.
- The colours and background colour should be amended (see 2.1).
- Tint the distance circles to make them stand out more.
- 2 Red bus stop circles are missing.
- Tints should be added within the distance circles to enhance them.
- Add “Walk to and from Village Centre” in key.
- The inner distance circle should be set at 0.25m and labelled accordingly.

This map should be inserted into the Neighbourhood Plan.

2.3 Alvechurch Indoor Community Facilities and Parking

- The central part of Alvechurch should be enlarged and placed in the top right hand corner of the map.
- The title should be amended to Alvechurch Village Indoor etc.
- The Parish Boundary line should be removed from the map and the legend.

This map should be inserted into the Evidence Base.

2.4 Hopwood and Rowney Green Indoor Facilities

These maps are not required in any of the Neighbourhood Plan documents.

2.5 Main Centres of Business

- No amendments were proposed.

This map should be inserted into the Evidence Base.

2.6 Neighbourhood Plan Proposals Map (Alvechurch)

- This is not a proposals map.
- The boundary line and tinted area should be made darker.
- The title should be changed to “Alvechurch Village Boundary” and the blue line thickened.
- The area outside of Alvechurch should be given a green tint and labelled “Green Belt”.
- The Parish Boundary line should be removed from the map and the legend.

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2.7 Neighbourhood Plan Proposals Maps (Hopwood and Rowney Green)

These maps are not required in any of the Neighbourhood Plan documents.

2.8 Landscape Protection

- Item 3 should read High Hill in the legend.
- Item 4 should be amended to Wast and Clare Hills in the legend.
- The boundaries of Alvechurch and Bordesley Parks are not correct in the area of Peck Wood. Dorothy amended a plan and gave it to Marc.

This map should be inserted into the Evidence Base.

2.9 Protected Views

- This map was much appreciated at the recent Baptist Church Consultation event.
- The title should be amended to Community Valued Views.
- The legend should be amended to text adjacent to the symbol should be amended to Open Views.
- View H is from Callow Hill, the text of the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be amended to reflect this.

This map should be inserted into the Evidence Base.

2.10 Local Green Spaces and Open Spaces

- The Alvechurch Football Club Ground is not mentioned in the text of the Neighbourhood Plan which should be amended.
- The line of the canal should be more highlighted and added to the key.
- The green line indicating the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Area should be deleted from the map and the key.
- The box around the River Arrow should be enlarged.

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2.11 Local Green Spaces and Open Spaces (Hopwood and Rowney Green)

- No amendments are required to these maps

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3 Evidence Base Document

Adrian circulated the latest version of the document by email on 15 October 2017.

Adrian considers Topic 3 to be light on evidence text compared to the other Topics, topic group members to check

Andy agreed to enlarge this Topic by finding more evidence links.

The Consultation responses will need to be added to the document at the end of the Final Pre-Submission Consultation on 17 November 2017.

4 Sorting of Community Responses

Andy stated that most comments placed in the box at the Baptist Church event were not on formal response forms. 19 responses were received at this event.

Andy has added the responses received to date to the template and will distribute it to Steering Group members.

Andy will chase Cheryl Welsh to find out what is happening to the Business Survey.

5 Consultation Document

Andy stated that he had opened a file for responses.

This will be fully discussed after the November deadline for responses,

6 Executive Summary/Proofing

Adrian has added his text to Keith Gabriel's document and it now runs to 6 pages.

John has added comments and suggested amendments and gave a copy to Adrian. John also agreed to send the amended Word file to Adrian.

The Parish Office will be asked to run off copies of the final and amended Executive Summary for discussion and review at the consultation events at Hopwood and Rowney Green.

There are no plans to ask Keith to carry out any more work on the Neighbourhood Plan documents.

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7 Any Other Business

Marc agreed to distribute a rota for the Hopwood and Rowney Green Consultations on 27 and 28 October 2017.

Actions:

All APC members of the Steering Group

Date of next SG meetings:

Informal Meeting - Wednesday 31 October 2017, 10:00 at Sunnymead, Station Road, Alvechurch

Formal Meeting – Wednesday 22 November. Hopwood Community centre 10 am.