

AWBRIDGE NDP WORKING GROUP

NOTE OF MEETING ON MONDAY 31st October 2022

Attendees: [REDACTED]

Apologies for absence: [REDACTED]

Note of meeting on 26th September 2022: These were agreed without amendment.

Objectives: The vision statement needed to be amplified in a more detailed statement of objectives, focusing on matters that were specific to Awbridge, and not already covered by the TVBC Local Plan. A template of possible topic areas had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and several members had made suggestions and comments in correspondence. The Working Group discussed each topic area in turn, identifying those topics which it would be worth addressing, and the objectives that should be sought in relation to those topics. On the basis of that discussion, Sharon Brentnall drafted text for the objectives that were circulated to members.

It was agreed that the objectives would be recirculated to all

Please provide comments to Sharon so that these can be formulated into questionnaire for consultation

Action: *ALL Prior to next meeting directly to Sharon*

Communications with Awbridge School re travel plan: In response to an email from Jo Lees, Awbridge School had indicated that they have started to look at a travel plan for the school but are still working on it. They had undertaken to share further information when available. No progress on this

Allocation of Potential Planning sites

A discussion was held about the pros and cons of allocation and there were diverse thoughts. It is essential that this important subject is included in the consultation to gather as many views as possible.

Any other business: Looking beyond the drafting that was now underway, it was important to plan for the next stage of consultation with the local community to ensure that the work which was being done by the Working Group was in line with people's views.

It was agreed that the Group should aim to circulate a short report and questionnaire to all households in the Parish with the Awbridge News but considered that December was too short a timescale to put this together especially with the small number of people attending the meeting.

. That would include the draft vision statement and objectives with a request for comments, and a few questions seeking background information that had not already been collected through earlier surveys (e.g., on distance to main place of employment for those working and methods of travel, observed presence of rarer wildlife species in distinct parts of the village).

It was agreed that we would try to organise an in-person event preferably mid-January one Saturday morning and then follow up with the questionnaire in February or March GP to check the hall availability

Action: GP

A design code will be required to accompany the plan to be prepared by a consultant and approved by the working party

We need statistics of the total number of houses built in Awbridge from 2016 onwards

Action GP

We need to obtain a definitive map of the new proposed boundaries for the parish to decide if the new areas are included in the NDP

Action GP

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Monday 5th December at 7.30 pm, with Sharon Brentnall attending by Zoom.