

Title of Meeting: Ivinghoe Neighbourhood Development Plan – Brookmead School Engagement Meeting			
Date:	21/01/2015	Time: 20:00	Location: Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe
Attendees:	Christabel Boersma (CB), Ruth Benton (RB), Malcolm Stubbs (MS), Andrew Kinsey (AK), Mary Tejbe (MT) – Interim Vice Chair of Governors – Brookmead School, Elizabeth Young – (EY) – ex-Chair of Governors Brookmead School		
Apologies:	-		
Circulation:	Ivinghoe Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group		
Meeting Aim:	Initial Engagement Meeting with representatives from Brookmead School		

Background

Representatives of Brookmead School approached the Ivinghoe Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group on 14th January regarding establishing links with the steering group to further their understanding of the plan, and to engage with us regarding information about the school.

An informal introductory meeting was arranged and invitations extended to all members of the steering group. The steering group was represented at the meeting by Andrew Kinsey, Ruth Benton, Malcolm Stubbs and Christabel Boersma.

AK provided introductions and outlined progress to date in developing the Ivinghoe NDP, explaining that we are at a very early stage and on current plans it will take around 32 months to finalise and gain approval for the plan.

MT and EY are representing the school with regard to neighbourhood development plans and are sharing the responsibility of meeting with Pitstone and Ivinghoe steering groups. MT will be the principal contact for the Ivinghoe NDP and EY will fulfil this role with regard to the Pitstone NDP.

MT and EY will hold a similar meeting with Pitstone NDP steering group this week. Since this was an initial meeting both attended.

There was a general discussion about other neighbourhood plans and their status illustrating their importance and the nature of issues they cover. There was also some discussion about the implications of large developments being granted within Ivinghoe Parish on the future development of the plan.

MT and EY presented a briefing paper (attached to these notes) which detailed projected numbers of students vs capacity to 2021 under two different scenarios. Both governors were keen to dispel any 'myth' that the school was oversubscribed and that they had sought up to date information from Bucks County Council, Education Department on future student figures.

They also highlighted that commissioning of any new schools would be led by the Local Authority who have a duty to ensure there are sufficient school places in the area, and as a rule of thumb, development of around 800 houses would generate the need for a single form entry primary school. This would consider the wider context of need and not Ivinghoe in isolation. The school also cannot build on playing fields without consulting and gaining approval from Sport England.

MT and EY confirmed that Brookmead School did not see any reason for wanting more land and that there were NO PLANS in place to extend or change the school at the moment.

The meeting concluded with both parties expressing the wish to continue to communicate with each other regarding matters pertaining to the Neighbourhood Development Plan and issues relevant to the school.