

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REPORT TO CBPC: 3RD OCTOBER 2022

1. PRE-CONSULTATION PROCESS: REVISED NP

A revised NP has been produced following comments from the Pre-Consultation process. This revised document was reviewed by the NPSG on the 27th September and a number of minor comments have been raised by the SG Members, which will require some further work. Consequently, a revised plan has been prepared and a further revision is planned for the 17th October, at which point it will be made available to CBPC members for their review. Given that this is a very significant milestone since the next stage is to release the NP to Dorset Council then we have allowed a period of 4 weeks for CBPC members to make their comments. It is assumed that an extraordinary CBPC meeting will be held around the middle of November to decide if the NP can be forwarded to Dorset Council.

2. PORTESHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Unfortunately, the actions placed on Magna Housing at the meeting held in June had not been carried out due to conflicting priorities. However, having made contact with them on the 27th September, they have at least completed 2 of the actions, but the project is still on hold as far as the involvement of the NPSG is concerned. We are awaiting the outcome of a bilateral meeting to discuss the commercial terms between the landowners and Magna Housing. They have indicated that they will put together an offer to the Landowners and that they are still very much committed to the project.

3. FUTURE WORK

Once the NP has been forwarded to Dorset Council, hopefully in November then they will have a period of 6 weeks to make their comments, which will take us into January 2023. Following any rework as a result of their comments then an External Examiner will be appointed and a further 6-8 weeks will elapse whilst the Examiner reviews the NP. Once the Examiner is happy for us to proceed then we will be able to move to the Referendum, probably no earlier than May 2023.

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