

BNP CHAIRMANS REPORT – 13th September 2022

At the recent BNP Committee meeting on Wednesday 31st August, the following agenda item:

“The Botley Neighbourhood Plan Committee approves the Draft BNP Reg 14 Proposal as presented, for submission to the Parish Council on Tuesday 13th September 2022”.

was discussed at length by the committee and when asked to vote on the resolution, gave its approval unanimously.

I have therefore requested that the following item be included on the BPC meeting agenda:

“That Botley Parish Council endorse the recommendation of the BNPC that the ‘Botley Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Proposal’ be “Formally Approved “- Subject to the inclusion of ‘Chancellors Green and updated housing figures”

(Chancellors Green – At this stage, the adding of an additional Local Green Space will involve additional work and will require the reformatting of the whole document. With each reformatting and the time taken to carry this out, involves Botley in additional expense, as well as Plan-et .having to undertake further research to justify this space and check whether it already has any designation.

I have been advised therefore, that it would be prudent to wait until Regulation 14 has been completed before any further changes are made.

(Housing Figures were up to date at the end of August and will be updated with the final numbers being included in the ‘examination document’)

Once the proposal enters the Reg 14 phase, our plan carries more weight in any further planning.

Plan-et are also preparing an Executive Summary **(which is not part of the Reg 14 Proposal)** and will contain the policies and where they will add **‘that there will be an additional Local Green Space which will be named Chancellors Green** (if it is found to be appropriate following the research into this space)’.

There will also be a foot note to the effect that the housing numbers will be up to date at the time of submission of the examination copy.

The Appendices are currently being prepared and Plan-et will create a Drop Box folder for all the documents so they can all be accessed by the relevant consultees (including the Botley community).

(It has also been recommended that we provide a “Survey Monkey” to enable on line responses for the consultees (including the community) as this may elicit more responses than just having the option of hard copy responses. It also helps to group the answers in a more “user friendly” way for us to extract the information from.)

During the statements from myself, there will be a short 'virtual' meeting with **Liz Bourne**, supported by **Becky Hopkinson**, both from Plan-et, to answer any questions that members may have.

For information purposes:

- ❖ Once the Regulation 14 proposal has been "formally approved": the plan enters the important phase, that of "**Pre-Submission**" consultation.

*The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (Regulation 14) require that the "**Approved Neighbourhood Plan Proposal**" to be the subject of a pre-submission consultation of at least 6 weeks duration before it is submitted to EBC for independent examination.*

The formal requirements include the items listed below.

- A) The publication of the plan in a manner which brings it to the attention of people who live, work, or run businesses in the neighbourhood area. The publicity must include details of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, where and when it may be viewed, and details on how to make comments on the plan and by what date.
- B) In addition, the plan must be sent to the Local Planning Authority.(EBC)
- C) Certain statutory bodies must be consulted, including Hampshire County Council , the Environment Agency, Natural and Historic England, all of whose interests may be affected by the plan.
- D) Eastleigh Borough Council will be requested to provide a list of contact details for all the statutory consultees.
- E) Record and note all comments received.
- F) The final "submission document" (Regulation 15) and its accompanying formal documentation is then completed prior to submission for examination to Eastleigh Borough Council.

❖ **ON THE FLOOR STATEMENTS**

I would like to welcome **Mrs Becky Hopkinson** from planet-et to the council meeting. Becky who is here as my guest, will be available to answer any questions councillors may have following the 'virtual meeting' with Liz.

❖ **Email to Councillors**

I am pleased to attach the BNP Reg 14 proposal for your review prior to the BPC meeting on Tuesday 13th September and would ask that you review the proposal for Design and Content. You may also see the plan on the Botley Website – 'councillors only' pages