

BNP CHAIRMANS REPORT – 11th OCTOBER 2022

At the delayed Botley Parish Councils held on the Monday 26th September, the Chairman welcomed Liz Bourne and Becky Hopkinson from Plan-et who have been advising the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on the preparation of the Botley Neighbourhood Plan, to introduce the BNP Reg 14 proposal to the Council alongside with the opportunity for councillors to ask questions.

Plan-et explained that the draft Plan has now reached the 'Regulation 14' stage and is ready to publish for a six-week public consultation. The document must be sent to a list of statutory consultees, neighbouring parishes, primary care trusts and local stakeholders. At the end of the six-week period a Consultation Statement will be prepared for publication.

Following this explanation of events, a motion was put forward by the Chairman Councillor Colin Mercer, that:

'The Parish Council approves the circulated document 'Botley Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 14 Proposal' for release for public consultation, subject to the updating of the currently approved housing numbers for the parish and the inclusion of a reference to the public green space and play area at Chancellors Park, Boorley Park'.

The motion was Approved.'

The Council was also advised that an overview document had been prepared as an 'Executive Summary' for publication as an A5 booklet.

The leaflet contains all eighteen of the Plan policies with background information about the preparation and purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan. It is planned that copies of the document will be delivered to all households in Botley and circulated to local businesses and organisations and will also be available on-line.

Council members raised some questions about the wording within the 'Executive Summary' and they were asked to forward suggestions for wording changes to the chairman of the BNPC for discussion with the staff of Plan-et. It was noted that while some policies include provisions not included within the EBC Local Plan and constraints which

developers may challenge, all these matters will be reviewed by 'The Examiner' during the examination process.

Cllr Mercer then proposed a motion:

'That the Parish Council approve the publication of the circulated document 'Botley Reg14 Executive Summary' to accompany the 'Botley Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 14 Proposal' subject to a 10-day period ending 06 October during which amendments from Parish Councillors will be considered for review or inclusion. At the end of this period the document will be released for publication'.

This motion was Approved

Comments were received from 2 Councillors, whose suggestions/comments were reviewed by myself, Councillor Mercer, and our professional advisors Plan-et.

Comments relating to the Executive Summary Suggestions have been included while other comments raised in respect of the BNP, will be re-visited as we go proceed with the Reg14 process.

It has also been recommended that the Parish Council provide a "**Survey Monkey**" to enable online 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.

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 need to be kept.
- F) The final “submission document” (Regulation 15) and its accompanying formal documentation is then completed prior to submission for examination to Eastleigh Borough Council.

In discussions with Plan-et, they will be ready to start Reg 14 by the 24th October with a closing date of 5th December.

I will of course keep the Council informed as we go forward.

Councillor Stephen Wildin

Chairman Botley Parish Neighbourhood Planning Committee.