

**Botley Neighbourhood Plan Committee (BNPC)**  
**Report to Botley Parish Council (BPC) meeting 14 May 2019**

Meeting of the BNPC, 17 April 2019

- 6 Councillors and 2 voting non-Councillors were present
- The Committee is pleased that expression of interest in joining either one of the Working Groups or the BNPC had been received from 4 residents
- All non-Councillor members will have the option of their email addresses remaining 'hidden' or be part of the BNPC members group email address
- Planet are working on a Position Statement to use as a basis for creating further community engagement and a meeting with Planet is being arranged
- The 2016 and 2017 questionnaires have been fully analysed and used to create a draft *Vision for Botley*, which will be further developed by the BNPC and Planet and then the community will be asked to comment, possibly via the summer edition of the Botley News
- It is hoped that draft Working Papers (WPs) for Economy, Health, Infrastructure and Transport will be ready for consideration by the BNPC at their meeting on 19 June 2019
- A question was posed concerning the ability of the Council to over-rule a proposal or policy, which was consistent with the guidance covering Neighbourhood Plans, put forward by the BNPC. The Chairman felt the Council did have this authority but agreed to seek external opinions
- The next meeting of the BNPC will be on 15 May 2019

Working Paper for the Council to consider

- On the advice on the Council some notes outlining the purpose of the Botley SHLAA and a map showing the Botley SHLAA sites has been created and should be considered by the Council (B SHLAA WP bpc v12 temp 2019.docx)

Progress since the BNPC meeting

- The Housing Need Assessment by AECOM has reached the point where the Research Questions that need to be answered are being agreed. Sadly, AECOM and Locality have confirmed that they are not permitted to develop data relating to quantity of housing that could be used to directly challenge the Eastleigh Local Plan
- Since the last BNPC meeting a number of suggestions for additions or alterations to the Heritage and the Education WPs and the Heritage & Design Topic Paper have been made and these will be reviewed again by the BNPC
- Three external opinions were sought regarding the final authority to agree, change or refuse proposal put forward by the BNPC and all stated that the authority was vested in the Parish Council, as the designated body responsible for the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr David Weeden  
Chairman BNPC  
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