

CLP HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TEAM

1ST MARCH 2017

MEETING

Our principal objective is that proposals for housing development in the Astons sympathetically accord with the wishes of the villagers as expressed in the Community Led Plan.

Present: Susanna Brunskill, Anna Dillon, John Short and Steve White
Apologies: Emma Lewins

1. Making planning applications more accessible
 - a. AD has trialed links to SODC planning pages to allow access to applications and decisions. The new website will go live in April.
 - b. We agreed to ask the PC to make decisions public as well as applications.

2. Conservation Area Management Plan and Character Appraisal
 - a. This initiative cannot begin in earnest until May.
 - b. **However, we noted that SODC's Astons Conservation Area map** is out of date with some house extensions missing and no Tree Protection Orders shown. AD said the Environment Project Team would be taking the tree issue up with SODC. We considered asking householders in the Astons to comment on errors in respect of their houses and land. The map includes buildings of note and open spaces.
 - c. SB/AD will review the Astons' History Group archive for any insights into changes over time.

3. Astons Constraints Profile
 - a. AD will have more to say in June. Meanwhile, she will distribute maps produced by the Environment Agency showing water and other features.
 - b. We should be aware of the Thames Valley Recording Centre and the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust.

4. Affordable housing
 - a. We need to assess the demand for affordable housing in the Astons.
 - b. We agreed to look further at writing a Housing Needs Assessment.
 - c. We agreed to look further at SODC's view on exception sites and the role of housing associations and shared ownership.
 - d. We are unsure of the cost of building a modest two-bedroom house in the Astons, net of the cost of land.
 - e. We understand that SOHA no longer gives priority to people from the village when allocating houses in The Close.
 - f. What is the definition of a "local worker"?

5. Relationship with PC

- a. Will the PC or CLP provide a protocol about how a project team reports to the PC?

6. Dates of next meetings

Wednesday 29th March at 15.00

Wednesday 26th April at 15.00

Wednesday 31st May at 15.00

Wednesday 12th July at 15.00