

# **CLP HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TEAM**

## **30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 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. Conservation Area Management Plan and Character Appraisal**

- a. We agreed that SB's draft should be the basis of a report to the PC and ultimately SODC. SB will prepare the final draft and will ask AD to review it. She will aim to have it ready for presentation at the 16<sup>th</sup> October PC meeting. **SB**
- b. We agreed that the final draft should focus on what has changed since publication of the Conservation Area Management Plan, Character Appraisal and associated map. It should not refer to SODC policies, which might change over time.
- c. The PC/SODC ought to take special notice of:
  - i. New houses;
  - ii. Extensions;
  - iii. Changes to Historic England's register of listed buildings;
  - iv. Changes of use;
  - v. Whether the Conservation Area ought to be extended to take in, for example, the burial ground extension;
  - vi. Whether more trees should have TPOs and whether significant hedges merit TPO status;
  - vii. Significant walls;
  - viii. Sarsen stones.
- d. Our walk through the village has provided a useful, although necessarily incomplete, list of changes since 2005. However, it might be possible to buy a more up-to-date, large-scale map from the OS or, indeed, to convince the OS to prepare one of the village. JS to investigate.
- e. We agreed that to ask villagers to tell us about changes to their houses over the last 12-15 years would be intrusive.

#### **2. Policy framework**

- a. We thanked JS for his report on SODC's Core Strategy Statement of December 2012 and its Second Preferred Options Document of the 2033 Local Plan issued in March 2017 and how both refer to the National Planning Policy Framework. It shows that SODC now emphasises policies differently. These should be noted.
- b. We agreed that the PC should have a copy with the addition of an executive summary highlighting how any inconsistencies of

approach affect the Astons.

- c. JS agreed to finalise the draft with an executive summary for presentation to the PC at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October (in his absence) or 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### **3. Planning constraints within the Astons**

- a. AD will prepare a set of overlay maps to show physical attributes of the village that should be taken into account when reviewing planning applications. She said it will be based on:
  - i. magic.gov.uk maps;
  - ii. The Thames Valley Recording Centre map of ecological sites recently bought by JS;
  - iii. Information available from the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust;
  - iv. Map of the Astons' Conservation Area 2005.
- b. It will show watercourses, paddocks, biodiversity, listed buildings, other heritage assets and attributes of interest.
- c. **SW** agreed to introduce her to Mark Pallett, who designed the CLP and prepared its page-makeup, who might be happy to help with the more technical aspect of the job.
- d. With Mark Pallett's help, AD believes the set of maps might be ready to discuss with the PC at its November or December meeting. **AD**

### **4. Dates of next meetings**

TBA