

**CLP HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TEAM**  
**31<sup>st</sup> May 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. AD confirmed she is now able to take the initial lead as we begin this project to review both the current SODC Conservation Area Management Plan and Character Appraisal.
- b. However, we noted that SODC's Astons Conservation Area map is out of date with some house extensions missing and no Tree Protection Orders shown.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. EL/AD will review the Astons' History Group archive for any insights into changes over time.
- d. JS has had valuable correspondence with Chris Jack of Ecological Planning & Research Ltd and Patrick Stileman of FLAC Ltd about the protection of veteran trees.
- e. The output of this project will be a report to the PC and SODC with details of changes to the two reports needed to bring them up-to-date.

**2. Astons' Constraints Profile**

- a. AD confirmed she is now able to take the initial lead as we begin this project to create a Constraints Profile of the Astons. This will show where in the villages are ecological habitats, waterways and wells, and other impediments that developers, the PC and SODC should take into account when writing and reviewing planning applications.
- b. We should be aware of the Thames Valley Recording Centre and the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. JS has learned that TVRC can supply a map of known sites in the villages and he will learn more about it with a view to purchase **JS**. Also, we know that BBOWT keeps an index of significant landmarks. JS to source and distribute.
- c. We hope to involve landowners.
- d. The output of this project will be a report with maps of known constraints to development in the Astons.

### **3. Planning applications review**

- a. As a trial, we agreed to review the next planning application that might have contingent problems of geology and soil, ground water, access, etc. and suggest which questions regarding these matters the PC might ask the developer. If the PC and we believe this is useful, we would make it a standard procedure. As most planning applications are straightforward, we do not expect to look at more than a small handful each year. **ALL**

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

Wednesday 12th July at 15.00