

Liz Lockwood

Fwd: Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan

Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 7:10 PM
To: Cath Hearnden , Liz Lockwood , Richard Young , Richard Young , Bill Stevenson

Folks

This looks helpful and consistent with the process Liz described when we had our first restart meeting. I'd be very happy to meet her but it might be best for Liz to be included in whoever makes up the party, given that Liz knows what she's talking about.

Our priority is that Liz shd continue to turn out the words. Wd it, therefore, be worth exploring a date with Anna towards the end of May?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Anna Cronin <acronin@tandridge.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan
Date: 26 April 2022 at 13:10:54 BST
To: 'lan Jones'
Cc: Marie Killip MKillip@tandridge.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Jones

Thanks for coming back to explain things. Yes, Covid has put a spanner in the works for NPs all over the country.

It's good to hear that you have recommenced work. While you need to keep an eye on the emerging Local Plan, in law your Neighbourhood Plan has to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted local plan, that is the Core Strategy, as well as having regard to national policy, as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (most recently updated in 2021).

I assume that your community consultation event in June will be a bit of a catch up to let people know what your team have been doing and drafting, after the gap you describe. That will be helpful to bring people back up to speed with the NP and to inform the next stages of your work. Do make sure that you keep a record of the event and people's responses for inclusion in your Consultation Statement in due course.

After that, as you say, you can think about redrafting as necessary and the first formal stage of consultation at Regulation 14. TDC can support you by supplying contact details of statutory consultees.

As you may know, when you come to formally submit your plan to TDC for Regulation 16 consultation and then Examination, you will need to submit several other documents alongside the NP, including a Basic Conditions Statement and a Consultation Statement. You will also need to make sure that you have evidence to support the content of your plan, and some of this may now be in need of updating given the time gap. And before you get too far you will need to ask TDC to "screen" the NP to assess whether Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitat Regulations Assessment of the NP are necessary, as carrying out either of these will take time.

All of which leads me to think that an early discussion about the next stages may be helpful to your project planning, as well as to TDC. It would also be helpful for us to see the draft plan which you will be informally consulting on in June. I don't think my workload will allow me to comment before the event, but I hope it would be possible to offer some comments for the team to take into account, along with those of the public, before you redraft the document after the consultation.

I hope all this makes sense to you, and apologies if I'm "teaching my grandmother to suck eggs", but my role at TDC is to support NPs, and I would not want you to carry out abortive work or be faced by showstoppers at a late stage if this can be avoided.

Happy to discuss as suits you.

Regards

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From: Ian Jones

Sent: 25 April 2022 16:20

To: Anna Cronin <acronin@tandridge.gov.uk>

Cc: Marie Killip < MKillip@tandridge.gov.uk > Subject: Re: Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan

Anna

Thanks for your note. I am a member of the group working on the Lingfield NP.

Our position is as follows: we had stalled some time ago, in the light of our understanding of the need for alignment between the TDC draft plan and the NP; and Covid didn't help. Following advice from Cliff earlier this year, we have resumed work. Our current aim is to hold an informal public consultation on our developing plan, currently scheduled to take place on Saturday 18 June in our Community Centre. Crucial for that will be the production of a draft of the Plan and I am happy to say that that is under way.

My expectation is that we will enter the formal stages of clearance and preparation for public consultation in the second half of this summer. Does that make sense? Happy to discuss with you.

Ian Jones

On 25 Apr 2022, at 10:45, Anna Cronin acronin@tandridge.gov.uk wrote:

Dear Mr Jones

Cliff Thurlow at Tandridge District Council has asked me to contact you about the Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan, following a conversation which I believe you had with him.

I work for TDC as their Neighbourhood Plans liaison officer with parishes. I am a planner, and I work part time and very flexibly, so while I may not return emails immediately, I will respond as soon as I can. My role in relation to neighbourhood plans is to advise and support parishes in preparing their plans, and to help them meet all the legal requirements.

Messages may have got a little lost in translation but I understand that Lingfield PC are hoping to submit their Neighbourhood Plan soon. I'm not sure what your interest or role in the Neighbourhood Plan is, but I have quickly checked our files and cannot see that we have had any recent contact with Lingfield NP team – the latest appears to be May 2020, and at that stage consultation with the community and statutory consultees at Regulation 14 had not taken place. It would therefore be useful to have a chat with you to help me understand where the Neighbourhood Plan has got to, and I can advise on next steps as appropriate. Based on what I have seen in our files, there is still a way to go.

I'm happy to talk on the phone, or in a virtual Teams or face to face meeting as required. Do let me know what would be most helpful.

Regards

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