

Milton Abbot, Chillaton and Kelly Neighbourhood Planning Team

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AGENDA

23 September 2015

7pm Milton Abbot Village Hall

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING STARTS AT 7pm

External Support

Both Stuart Todd, our external consultant and Rebecca Black, planning policy specialist at West Devon Borough Council, will be attending our meeting. Stuart will be focusing on the evidence base. Rebecca will help us to assess how we've done so far and how we tackle at some of the issues that lie ahead.

Notes of our meeting on 29th April 2015

To consider approving these notes as a correct record of our discussion. [Previously circulated]

A brief review of progress to date

We need to remind ourselves of what we've already achieved and identify key issues for further progress.

We have:

- a team
- a brand/logo
- a website
- a forum
- a grant
- 67 subscribers to our newsletters
- issued an on-line survey on the scope of the main questionnaire
- met the public at one event since the initial public meeting
- had a brief item in local parish magazines
- had feedback on the scope of the main survey

We haven't:

- made ourselves known to statutory consultees
- made a start on the evidence base
- reviewed all the feedback we've had
- begun to design the main questionnaire

Evidence base

As we know, MACKPlan cannot simply be a collection of policies plus ideas for implementing them, no matter how sensible, practical and relevant they may be. Every element of MACKPlan, whether a review of the current position or proposals for future action, has to be linked to evidence that supports any statements made.

Stuart is engaged in supporting a number of neighbourhood planning teams on this issue. Rebecca is able to bring her awareness of how other local teams are currently dealing with this, as well as her experience of accessing and using data specific to West Devon, when drafting plans and policies for the Borough Council.

With their help, we should make real progress on this issue.

If you want to see some different approaches to compiling evidence for NDPs, have a look at these links:

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Evidence%20Base%20Summary-RD.pdf> This looks very impressive and a bit scary, but bear in mind that Thame is a much bigger place in every respect.

<http://www.exeter.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=18079&p=0> Same comments apply here.

<http://clapham.arun.gov.uk/main.cfm?type=KEYDOCUMENTS> This one from Clapham and Patching has a completely different format, with an evidence base quick guide with links and then a table of all of the evidence used.

This West Devon Borough Council page has most of the background info we will need: www.westdevon.gov.uk/evidencebase. The census is another good place to look to build up a picture of the current population. The Neighbourhood Statistics website is easy to use (<http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadHome.do?m=0&s=1440420689897&enc=1&nsjs=true&nsck=false&nssvg=false&nswid=1366>). Expand section 2 under 'more areas' to search by parish. On the Evidence base page there is a document called Neighbourhood Statistics that pulls together some of the key data sets from the census.

However, using the links in the above paragraph reveals a basic problem for us. All the information is at parish level and, as far as housing and probably some other issues are concerned, we are likely to need to look at data on a village basis.

A good guide to gathering data has been produced by Locality and is sent with this agenda.

Future Action

In the light of our discussion at the meeting, to identify tasks and key dates for future action.

Howard Asbridge
Chair
MACKPlan team

17th September 2015