

Aston Rowant Neighbourhood Plan
Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting held online 13 April 2021 7:30pm

1. Attendees

Mark Thackeray, Paul Finken, Peter Tinson, Steven Sowerby, Mark Jones

Apologies: Andy Green, Guy Cunningham

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (10 March 2020)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. SODC Local Plan

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 has now been adopted. It was noted that Bioabundance CIC have been refused permission to proceed with an application for judicial review against the Council's decision to adopt the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035. The Plan contains no obligation to allocate housing in small villages.

It was noted that the dispensation to only hold a three year land supply had been removed; all Oxfordshire districts would be expected to maintain a five year supply. SODC currently has a five year land supply.

6. Consultation statement sign off

SODC had vetted the draft Neighbourhood Plan prior to its release for consultation. There had been over 100 responses to the consultation from statutory bodies, residents and non-residents. The consultation statement was complete with the exception of the removal of the names of the respondents. Subject to this being completed, the consultation statement was signed off by the Steering Group

7. Representations from members of the public

None

8. Any Other Business

The Plan content is now complete and may be presented to the Parish Council for adoption. The conditions report needs to be completed prior to submission to SODC; this can be instigated once the Parish Council has adopted the Plan. SODC have recommended that, following the legal representations received, the final plan is

reviewed by a barrister for completeness. Any changes recommended by the barrister would be included in the plan before final submission to SODC.

It was agreed:

- To request funding of £1500 to be spent from the Neighbourhood Plan reserves to allow the draft plan to be reviewed by a suitably qualified barrister;
- To request funding for the Conditions Statement to be completed.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on 4 May 2021 online. Since the work of the Steering Group is now largely complete, any further meetings will be arranged on an ad hoc basis with the requisite notice.