

# **ETCHINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **Housing & Development**

### ***Minutes of the Meeting of the Etchingham Neighbourhood Plan Housing & Development Focus Group*** ***Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 8pm at Robinwood***

***Present:*** Frank Smith (Chairman), Barbarann Smith, Michael Westwood, Frank Brophy, Darren Langridge-Kemp, Mark Langridge-Kemp and Paulette Barton

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from John Barnes.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest to be made.

**3.** The Chairman welcomed everyone and read out the Focus Group headlines using the Consultant's suggestions as a basis.

**4. Results of the Call for Sites**

Four sites from three landowners have come forward as a result of the Call for Sites in the Questionnaire. No further sites have been forthcoming following the letter sent by RDC to owners of sites previously considered under the SHLA. He also confirmed that RDC have agreed that the 9 definite (with a possibility it might be 10) dwellings resulting from the development of the Bracon site on the High Street would count towards the Etchingham village total of minimum 30.

All present expressed an interest in site visits to the 4 sites offered and a suitable date will be convened once permission has been gained from the landowners.

**5. Mix of housing**

It was decided that it would be better to wait until the site inspections had been completed before discussing this in detail.

**6. Design policy – housing**

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All agreed that this is very site specific in a village such as Etchingham so would defer discussion until sites were agreed as possible.

**7. Parking – with ref new housing and businesses**

Again, it was decided that detailed discussion should await site details.

**8. To consider any other matters relevant to the Group**

In general discussion regarding 'next steps', it was agreed that for the detail that Etchingham wish to include in the Plan expert assistance is going to be required – drains and sewage for example.

There was general agreement on the importance on protecting the integrity of our listed buildings possibly beyond the statutory level. To this end photography will be undertaken of the listed buildings, particularly those in the vicinity of the sites offered for development. DL-K and ML-K will photograph the environs of High Street, any required photography elsewhere in the parish to be taken up by those living nearest.

**9. Date of the next meeting and agenda points requested in addition to the above**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 8pm at Robinwood, Sheepstreet Lane.