

Notes of the meeting of the Housing FG held on 14th March at Lindfield URC.

Discussion around the submission of 200 dwellings to MSDC

Number derived in April 2012 - Limited timescales for the Parish to respond with documented evidence - NOT a target for the NP and Housing FG to try to reach - NP can propose more or less - Focus group will review evidence for need for housing to back any figure put forward

ACTIONS:

- Review MSDC's Strategic Housing Assessment for top down view (Kerry agreed to look into this)
- Await AiRs survey for bottom up local need (SG decision to proceed to be taken on 21st March)
- Review Questionnaire's and feedback at upcoming Pop in Sessions (Need to prepare for this)

Site Visits - Briefly discussed the sites that we visited on 2nd March

ACTION:

- All to review the list of sites and prioritise (by 21st March if possible)
- Pass preferred list of sites to the other Focus Groups for input and to avoid 'conflicts'
- Approach land owners of the preferred sites to get input from them on their expectations for the sites

Call for Land

- Currently out in the community and awaiting responses
- Will send letters from the Parish Council to land owner of Nursery in Scaynes Hill and plot on Snowdrop Lane
- Landscape group has already spoken to a number of farmers and general feedback is that they are not thinking about handing land over for development

ACTION:

- Get input from Landscape group on who they have spoke to (Stuart to follow up)
- All to review land around the Parishes to identify other potential sites (All)
- Research owner's of the land to then send letters

Old Barn Court - Proposed development of retirement flats behind Lindfield High Street - Significant number and could make up a significant % of any final number of dwellings

ACTION: - John Dumbleton to follow up

Business sites - Not currently discussed within the group - Are there sites that could be allocated for industrial use? - Should restrictions be lessened on farms converting barns to industrial use?

Questions to MSDC

ACTIONS - Questions to be submitted to AiRs and MSDC by end of 15th March by the NP SG - Look to arrange meeting to discuss the questions - proposed Monday 25th March during the day

Next meeting: Either 26th, 27th or 28th of March (whenever most people are free)

Stuart Kirbell