

NDP Brief from meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2016

The Issues and Options document is still in draft form. It is planned to hold an event in the Village Hall to consult and get feedback on this information from the village. It is hoped that this will be held immediately after Easter (date to be confirmed).

We will be unable to present our NDP (draft) to the Borough until they have adopted their own 2032 plan. If we do it too early, it will be judged against the current plan which might not go in our favour. However, a meeting with Paul Rowlands to arranged to discuss this further**.

Since the Borough reopened their Call for Sites (this closed on the 14th December) there have been seven further sites included in Thurleigh which were not part of our original NDP questionnaire. It is proposed that we hold another consultation event in the village to get feedback on these extra sites then include those that are positive into the Issues and Options document.

Planners have now confirmed that they are happy to work with us. They are currently setting out their costs which will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Simon Andrews from DLA Development who are working with the owners of the Hayle Field site attended the meeting on the 10th February as they required more information following the responses to the questionnaire. They will now produce a mock-up of their proposal on Hayle Field build and will then present to the village for their feedback.

**A meeting was held on Tuesday 16th February – Mr Rowlands has suggested that we continue as we are with our plan and consult with the village on the extra sites, as we had planned. We will continue to keep in close contact with the Borough Council on the Thurleigh plan.

We need to stay positive about the NDP as are much further along than most villages in North Beds. I am hoping that Thurleigh will be the first to complete.

Actions:

- Meeting with Bedford Borough planners to discuss timelines for Borough 2032 plan (done)
- Arrange a presentation of the recent Call for Sites to get feedback from the villagers
- Arrange a presentation from DLA Developers re Hayle Field
- Finalise the draft I&O document
- Get agreement from Peter Bull /Mike Robinson that they are happy to take on our NDP, dependent on acceptable costs
- Bid for last part of the available grant but need to wait for the right time as the grants are time restricted.