Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan

CONSULTATION STATEMENT: APPENDIX 8

Other Consultation Meetings

January 2016 – August 2018

Baulking Parish communication with Parishioners about the Neighbourhood Plan and prior CLP

The following outlines the various communications, and methods of such, with the Parishioners of Baulking. It should be noted that Baulking is a very small hamlet and has a Parish Meeting, rather than Council, and no website, but utilises an email news service called Baulking Communications, and a traditional Parish Noticeboard.
Baulking has (at the time of writing) 41 homes, and a population of 107 persons.

i. a) Baulking residents invited to complete CLP document; distributed by hand to all homes and collected when completed. Spring 2015.
   The Baulking response rate was 75% (30 homes out of 41).
   b) Copy of CLP booklet of findings circulated to all Baulking homes: December 2015.
   c) Following the output of the CLP which indicated a Parish desire to progress to an NP, a Flyer was circulated and posted on village Noticeboard to promote imminent launch of NP process. This began from 21st January 2016. Baulking initially had three delegates on the NP.
ii. Call for Sites document circulated to all landowners in the Parish, whether living there or out of area, May 2016. Delivered by hand or posted as necessary. Response at recipient's choice, by the end of July 2016.
   From 16 land owners contacted, 9 responses were received.

iii. In November 2016 following the indication that Woolstone village intended to withdraw from the NP, Baulking residents were also asked if they wished to withdraw or remain. This was done by an email explaining the pros and cons of staying in or withdrawing. Views were requested in response. The decision was to remain.
   Accordingly, detail of re-designation of NP area posted on village noticeboard following approval by Vale DC on 03-03-2017. This included map to show area less Woolstone, plus link for Vale site.

iv. Housing Needs Assessment: The Questionnaire as supplied by the independent consultant was distributed to all homes by hand, and collected up by hand, or submitted using the concurrent online version which was circulated on Baulking Comms, direct to the Consultant.
   The Baulking response rate was 81%: (33 homes out of 41).

v. Neighbourhood Plan listed as specific item of business on the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting each year (2016 & 2017). Presentation by Baulking member(s) of the NPSG to the attendees, with all Parishioners receiving the Minutes via Baulking Comms. in follow up.

vi. In the period from start of CLP process to 06-10-17 (date at time of writing) 81 emails have been sent on Village email service 'Baulking Comms' to Parishioners, about the NP specifically or with reference to it as necessary. This includes formal requests for completion of CLP and HNA questionnaires, general updates, a full assessment of the NP at the point when the Parishioners were asked if they wished to stay in the NP in November 2016 (at the point when Woolstone withdrew). NB: This list is not exhaustive.

vii. Various informal meetings with groups or individual Parishioners as necessary, over period of CLP and NP evolution, to act as clinics for discussion of concerns or general better understanding: eg. Post public consultation on the NP- HNA output. Minutes are retained of these.

October 2017

Main point of contact with VWHDC

Upon determination by the Vale, Clare Roberts, Principal Planning Policy Officer, was appointed as our main point of contact. She was invited to all NPSG meetings, unless specifically advised that her presence was not required. Between meetings she was available to advise on specific questions.

Meetings with VWHDC officers

03Nov17	Will Sparling Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Clare Roberts Principal Planning Policy Officer and Martin Deans Team Leader Planning Apps, in attendance for Vale.
11Jan18	Andrew Maxted, Planning Policy Project Lead for VWHDC, attended the monthly UB-NPSG meeting to address key concerns regarding housing and green space policies.
05Mar18	Clare Roberts and Ronan Leydon, Senior Planning Policy Officer in attendance with David Owen-Smith (UB-NPSG) to discuss the Baulking Only Housing Policy.
28Mar18	Clare Roberts for the Vale, and Jeremy Flawn, Planning Consultant to the UB-NPSG in attendance, to review draft NP policies

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) community consultation meeting 16 August 2018

Attendees: Rob Hart (RH - NP Chairman), Anthony Parsons (AP - NP Vice Chairman), Mike Oldnall (MO - NP SG), Simon Jenkins (SJ - NP SG), David Owen-Smith (DOS - NP SG), RESIDENT S (Community), ADVISOR A (Consultant for 2 residents)

Key points and actions:

1 The meeting accepted that the Landscape Capacity Study (LCS) was independently produced, in line with national guidelines and has been separately and independently checked by the consultants (Bluestone Planning) supporting the NP Steering Group (SG).

2 Changing Table 8 in the LCS could affect capacity assessment for others as well as the specific land parcels discussed.

3 Guidelines for LCS methodology do not constrain Subject Matter Experts (such as Lepus) to the construct of the tables, only to the method followed.

4 In response to the concerns from SS and RS the SG members present agreed to review the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) policy in two respects:

(a) to consider changing the requirement from an LVIA to a less formal term, allowing landowners etc to create a lower complexity and less formal submission, e.g. to make the requirement for a 'landscape assessment' as opposed to an LVIA.

(b) to ensure the preamble explains that one important reason for needing a 'landscape assessment' is because the LCS was conducted on a ‘parcel-by-parcel’ basis and specific sites within each parcel might have a different landscape assessment to the overall parcel.

5 A copy of the revised policy L2 will be sent to RESIDENT S and ADVISOR A for information.