

Draft notes from the second Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Held at Northall Village Hall Monday 7.30pm 21 March 2016

Present and apologies (see attached)

Review of Vision Workshop Paper

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Background

Para 1. The population should be 2600 and the number of homes 1100 (data from John Wilkinson).

Para 2 Northall lies a short distance to the North of Edlesborough

Add facilities viz. Children's play area and Northall Baptist Chapel.

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Background cont'd

Para 1. The group questioned the use of the word 'remote'. Whilst we are remote from towns in the county of Buckinghamshire we are close to Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable. Perhaps it would be better described as 'being on the edge of the county boundary and remote from the nearest large town, in the county, Aylesbury.'

Para 1. References to the Green Belt should make it clear that it applies to only part of the parish i.e. Dagnall.

Workshop Observations

The suggestion is to include the relative sizes of the three villages in each village section

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Dagnall

Add to facilities, Play area and recreation ground

I was asked to note that there are two farm shops but on review I find that this is recorded under bullet 5

Add a statement similar to that in Northall

i.e. Connecting the village to the main community facilities in Edlesborough via improved footpaths and cycleways would be welcomed if achievable.

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Edlesborough

There is no mention of the three places consecrated for worship i.e. The redundant church on the hill, the Methodist Church and the Baptist Chapel.

The participants thought that the significance of The Green needs to be stated more strongly.

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Suggested EPNP Vision

A strong debate took place on the car parking issue. The debate arose over the provision of additional car parking. This is unresolved for the moment. Does additional car parking encourage lazy residents to use their cars to get to

the shops rather than walking or cycling. The issue of walking safely around the villages was a common theme possible alleviated by pedestrian road crossings.

The issue of additional traffic calming measures for Edlesborough and Dagnall was raised.

In the Northall paragraph it was felt that acknowledgement be made of the use of facilities in Eaton Bray.

In the Dagnall paragraph it was felt that the vision should include the connectivity improvements with Edlesborough provided by footpaths and cycleways.

Suggested EPNP Key Objectives

Northall

Bullet 1 We need an explicit definition of infill to avoid larger developments being allowed in some of the green space between houses along the A4146.

Bullet 5 Mentions 'brownfield' land but the actual designation is 'agricultural land'.

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Dagnall cont'd

Bullet 2 'Infill -same comment as Northall though not specifically the A4146.

Edlesborough

Bullet 3 A debate took place whether the shops are in the centre of the village as they are really on the edge. It concluded that we should refer to them as being in the 'commercial centre'.

An additional bullet was suggested to include additional space reserved for expansion of the surgery and surgery car park.

A suggestion was made that the current spaces on the High Street next to the shops should be made for 'Disabled' drivers only in the 'commercial centre.'

Additional Actions covered.

Village Groups

It was agreed to establish Village Groups to cover the development of Policy Ideas and the elements in the Recommended Action Plan

Group meetings will be set up asap initially to put 'more meat on the bone' for the questions and actions arising. The Groups will then consider sub-dividing the tasks and bringing more residents into the groups and/or sub-groups.

Group Leaders

It was recommended and agreed that the Group Leadership role would be performed by the Ward Councillors viz.

Dagnall – Trish Owen

Edlesborough- John Wilkinson

Northall- Kevin Cabbage

Other Meetings

Set up meeting with AVDC and EPC councillors (core team) and NH? - Action Alan Williams

Set up meeting with Eaton Bray Parish Council - Action Alan Williams

Timetable

Above tasks to be completed end March/Early April

Additional tasks as follows

Mid-April

Next SG meeting to include feedback from Village Groups

Village Group meetings continue

Early to Mid May

Next SG meeting. More input from Village Groups

End May -Early June

SG & Village Groups prepare visual displays and handouts for public meetings

Mid June to Mid July

Two public meetings in each village to contain Village specifics and Parish overview

Mid-Jul

SG review and synthesise summary of feedback from public meetings

End July

Pre-Sub to SG from rCOH

Meeting closed at 9.20pm