

Aston Rowant Neighbourhood Plan (ARNP)
Steering Group Meeting
8 January 2019 7:30pm
Kingston Blount Village Hall

	Minutes	Actions
1.	<p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p><u>Present</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Thackeray (Chairman), Andy Green, Steven Sowerby, Mark Jones, Paul Overton, Peter Tinson, Paul Fincken, Guy Cunningham <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Jeanette Ewan,</p> <p><u>Visitors / Guests</u></p> <p>Rachel Lockwood, Matthew Day, Adam Bernstein</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interest</u></p> <p>No general declaration by all present. Members were reminded of the obligation to make a declaration of interest in the event that the debate covered sites on which there might be any conflict of interest</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the previous December meeting</u></p> <p>Agreed as a true record</p>	<p>MJ to forward approved minutes to Webmaster</p>
4.	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p><u>None</u></p>	
5.	<p><u>Draft Plan</u></p> <p>MT outlined the gist of the draft Local Plan policies, as agreed in December 2018 by SODC for consultation early in 2019, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) that the smaller villages would no longer be expected or obliged to identify sites for new housing on the previous basis of a 5-10% increase, • b) that the new Local Plan would increase the density at which new housing should be built, that in smaller villages this would be at least 40dph, and that, as a strategic policy, SODC would not expect or permit relaxation of the policy, <p>The SG discussed the latest version of SODC's draft local plan, notably revised policy H8. It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) the draft NP be updated so that, as and when it is formally released for Pre-Submission Consultation, it should make clear to residents this potential change in direction by SODC, • b) it be made clear in the P-SC that, while the allocation of housing land in a NP would no longer be an obligation if revised H8 is approved, smaller villages with no such allocations could still remain vulnerable to 	

	<p>development pressure if SODC failed to meet housing completion targets or if the housing land supply fell below target, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) the P-SC should proceed on the basis of a revised timetable, set by the outcome of SODC's consultations and, in all probability without any formal housing site allocations, this to be kept under review. <p>MT advised that the first draft of the Landscape Character Assessment had been completed and that, subject to final amendments by Lepus Consulting, it should be available in early February.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Process</u></p> <p>It was agreed that no further work be undertaken on the preparation of the NP while the new Local Plan was the subject of public consultation.</p>	<p>MT to report this in Parish Notes</p>
7.	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>None</p>	

Next Meeting: 9th April 2019, 7:30pm at Kingston Blount Village Hall