

## **Notes of the CGR meeting with Parish Representatives, Council Chamber, County Hall, 26 April 2016 1800-1900**

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### Present

Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Chairman of the CGR Working Group), Cllr Glenis Ansell (CGR Working Group), Cllr Ernie Clark (CGR Working Group and HPC)

### Also Present

Mr Ian Gibbons, Mr John Watling, Mr Kieran Elliott, Cllr Bob Brice (TTC), Cllr Roger Andrews (TTC), Mr Lance Allan (TTC), Cllr Francis Morland (SPC), Cllr Richard Covington (WAPC), Cllr Tim le Mare (WAPC)

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TTC - Trowbridge Town Council

WAPC - West Ashton Parish Council

SPC - Southwick Parish Council

NBPC - North Bradley Parish Council

HPC - Hilperton Parish Council

HoltPC - Holt Parish Council

WingfieldPC - Wingfield Parish Council

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The Chairman opened the meeting, explaining that all parishes of the community area had been invited to send along representatives to discuss the proposals that would be considered by Wiltshire Council in July 2016. This was in addition to the public consultation date on 11 May which the parishes could still attend and make representation, as well as the ongoing written and electronic consultation. Therefore, lack of attendance from a particular parish would not mean they had received multiple opportunities to make representations to the CGR working group.

It was noted that Cllr Clark would remove himself from the working group for consideration of all Hilperton proposals, and speak in his capacity as Chairman of HPC. Following the meeting he would not be present for any discussions of the working group when formulating a recommendation on those Hilperton proposals,

### **Scheme 21 - Shore Place**

Representatives of TTC - The last review took place in 1991 and draft border included these properties, lack of inclusion was anomalous and possibly even a mistake.

No representatives from WingfieldPC were in attendance

### **Scheme 24 - Lady Down Farm**

Representatives of TTC - Land in green belt and protected by policy, HoltPC did not mention this area in green belt in original draft of their proposed neighbourhood plan. People in area use facilities in Trowbridge, Holt almost 3 miles away, all HPC and Staverton Cllrs closer than any Holt Cllrs.

No representatives from HoltPC were in attendance.

#### **Scheme 26 - Area 4a Old Farm Estate, Scheme 27 - Area 4b, Scheme 28 - Area 4c**

Representatives of TTC - Should be considered with Schemes 27,28,29, all of 'Area 4' is logical extension of town when considering the Ashton Park urban expansion which will cover area with 2500 properties. Scheme 26 area not well represented for WAPC despite being a large proportion of residents. 5 Primary schools in town closer than village school, 2 churches closer, county hall closer than village hall, nearest polling station in town.

Objections of WAPC are financial, but Old farm constructed in 2005 was parish unviable before. It and rest of schemes within what used to be settlement boundary and clear extension of urban area of the town as recognised in core strategy. Unlike Hilperton where no no-man's land between built up areas, there is here, needs to be clear space between town and village, would not be the case if boundary remains where it is. Where residents want to be is only relevant in respect of criteria for governance reviews.

Representatives of WAPC - Houses proposed but currently no governance issues for schemes 27-29 as no houses as of yet. Scheme 26, people in area determined they want to remain in parish, many use facilities at village hall and school serves pupils all over parish. Premature to change boundary now. WAPC not happy about changing nature of parish once 2500 homes are built, but would not be right to change boundary before they are built and already behind schedule - won't be built until middle 2020s, and another review could be done then. Old Farm significant part of parish, needed for viability. Old settlement boundary irrelevant.

#### **Scheme 29 - Area 4d, White Horse Business Park**

Representatives of TTC - 10 residential properties, but misdescribed as just business park. Part of urban extension for schemes 27-28, WAPC admit whole area needs to be considered as one, currently covering 2 parishes, we suggest under TTC. NBPC objected to every app in area, big or small, didn't want park there.

Representatives of WAPC - Point was if Old farm is in west ashton, which it is, then the rest should remain in west ashton as well, or in this case north Bradley. Quarter of area is business park, not criteria met to transfer to TTC

Representative of SPC - CGR were correct not to consult upon schemes 27-29 previously, do not meet criteria. If approved would also leave a slither of NB land separating WAPC and TTC, anomalous outcome.

No representatives of NBPC were present.

#### **Scheme 18 and Scheme 22 - HPC and TTC proposals for paxcroft mead**

Representatives of TTC - Road is a logical division between parishes, current boundary and HPC proposal cuts through an estate. Unlike scheme 26-29 no clear space to divide parishes, one built up area, need to draw a clear line that makes sense on the ground

Representative of HPC - parish custodian of parish centre and school, part of heart of village, need to keep all open spaces together

Representatives of WAPC - TTC arguments inconsistent with other proposals.

### **Scheme 19 and Scheme 20 - Wyke Road**

Representatives of TTC - Up to 1991 area was trowbridge

Representative of HPC - Proposal came from working group, let's listen to consultation

### **Scheme 25 and Scheme 103 - Hilperton Gap**

Representative of HPC - Scheme 25 affects no properties, makes no sense, TTC said it runs along backgardens so we proposed 103 to include some properties .

Representative of TTC - would be contrary to guidance.

### **Scheme 23 - Hulbert Close etc**

Representative of HPC - not a parish council scheme, came from working group on basis should consider estate as one whole.

Representatives of TTC - agree estate should be one whole, but ridiculous to suggest HPC area extends this far. Post address may say Hilperton but that is a royal mail designation for their convenience (clerk note, ludgershall in wiltshire shows on postal addresses as being in Hampshire for the same reason).

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### **Updated with comments from North Bradley Parish Council after the meeting.**

Scheme 29

80% of residents who attended a parish meeting said don't want to be a part of town, wish to remain a rural areas. Only a few houses in area at present, no justification for town absorbing such a big area including business park. One field separate from the main part of village, part of it.